Pound up 6.3 cents after Government authorizes free float

he pound rose 6.3 cents against he dollar yesterday to close at .8405, its highest level since May of last year. The improvement ame after the Government ended is policy of holding down the

pound and allowed it to rise freely on the foreign exchange markets. The free floating pound is expected to lead to lower inflation at home but could have the effect of slowing the growth of exports.

Highest rate since May last year

conomics Correspondent The Government yesterday aded its policy of holding wn the pound and allowed it rise freely in the foreign change markets. At the end business in London it stood \$1.8405, up 6.3 cents on iday's parity, with an effec-e rate of 64.6 per cent of its vel in December, 1971.

Sterling has appreciated by bout 15 per cent since its low bint in October of last year ad stands at its highest level ace May last year. The result likely to be lower inflation ut slower growth of exports. The decision to allow sterling o rise seems to have been iken by the Chancellor and e Prime Mirister last Friday response to heavy inflows of oreign money into London.
The new policy of non-interention was first applied early sterday in the Far East, here sterling rose to \$1.80 as t became apparent that the uthorities were not intervenag. No new peg has been

onnounced. In hectic New York trading, to pound ended last night at 1.8450-65, compared with Frig's close of \$1.777-80. The official amountement

ras made yesterday morning nd it was clear that the Govrnment's action is designed to rotect its targets for restrictg the growth of the money

upply in Britain.
Those targets limit the growth f sterling M3, as the most ounmouly used measure of aoney supply is called, to 13 per cent at most during this financial year. The Treasury, commenting on recent inflows of funds, said: "A continuance of these inflows on a large cale could now endanger continued adherence to these tor-

industry criticized the Government's action, saying that industry supply from it government's action, saying that industry supply industry supply industry supply from it government's action, saying that industry supply industry supply saying that industry supply industry s authorities are believed to have spent about \$10,000m holding MP for Guildford and a Consaid.

rom David Cross Washington, Oct 31

The United States, France and Britain today vetoed

the United Nations to impose

mandatory economic and arms

amhargoes against South Urica, The move gave the

hree Western powers the uncomfortable semblance of

iding with white-ruled Pretoria spainst the black Africans.

notions tabled in the Security Council in New York followed

some inept diplomacy by the United States administration

ring the past few days. When

. animung d Anterican suppirt for a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa

at a press conference here last Thursday, President Carter gave the distinct impression

Today's vetos against three

Leading article Money markets' reaction 19 Industry and TUC reaction Overseas reaction Mr Healey's targets

the pound steady, which has shown up in a big growth of foreign currency in the re-

The new policy means the abandonment of the promise in the letter of intent to the International Monetary Fund to achieve stability and competitiveness in the pound's rate. It will make imports cheaper and

In the short run that should boost the expected surplus on the balance of payments, but over a longer period it will make exports either more expensive or less profitable, thus cutting down the volume of sales overseas.

If the pound stays up in the foreign exchange markets the Government will have to worsen its already pessimistic estimates for the growth in exports and

imports next year.

The decision will, however, tend to reduce the inflation rate. Treasury calculations suggest that a 5 per cent increase in the value of sterling would lead to a 1.1 per cent lowering of the rate of retail price in-flation over the coming year. Pressure on the Government

allow sterling to rise was building up throughout the summer. Reaction yesterday was mixed, however. The Financial Times index of ordinary shares fall 3.8 points to 505.5. Longdated government stocks advanced, but there was a decline in short-dated stocks.

The Confederation of British Industry criticized the Government's national stocks.

emerged that any arms embargo would be of limited duration, largely, it appears, because of French and British wishes. This

upset black African nations Today's Security Council de-

liberations on how to respond to South Africa's recent cam-

p ign to clamp down on black dissidents began two hours late

citer last-minute frantic efforts

to find a compromise between Western nations and black African countries. Mr Rikhi Jaipal, the Indian President of

the Council, said there had been a great deal of consulting

in the corridors
The black Africans wanted a

permanen- weapons embargo

accompanied by a ban on in-resuments in South Africa, while the furthest the United States and its allies would go

efforts by African countries in sudden change of tack clearly

that this would involve the was a six-month arms embargo, immediate introduction of a to be renewed if South Africa

Treasury affairs, told the Society of Conservative Lawyers in London last night that the

in London last night that the decision to allow the pound to rise was just one more example of the adoption of Conservative economic policy recommendations that had been continually pressed on the Government. Six Geoffrey Howe, QC. the shadow Chancellor, said: "This latest reversal of government policy is in line with the advice which we have been giving which we have been giving them for many months. "It underlines the need for much more substantial relaxations in exchange control than those which the Chancellor announced last week."

He said relaxations exchange controls would boost overseas investment and opportunities to Britain's invisible exports. Relaxation would also prevent the pound from rising artificially high and damaging the competitiveness of our

exports.

Ale Enoch Powell. Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, commented: "I am glad that the advice which I have been giving with increasing insistence over recent weeks has been heeded, especially as some 13,000m of public money has been spent in the last two months alone in order to buy unwanted foreign currency in the exchange rate of the

He went on: "This was a terrifyingly inflationary factor and I am glad that the Government has decided to put an end to it

Mr John Pardoe, the Liberal Party spokesman on economic affairs, said: "The Liberal Party has been in favour of a floating pound ever since 1967. We were the first party to call for a float and 1.2 believe in it the only 1.5y in

pay round, thus easing inflation exporters, rather than reduce

West vetoes S Africa sanctions countries would have agreed to limit their censure of South Airica to an arms ban provided that this could be introduced on a permanent basis. But the

Western refusal to concede this Modification

New York, Oct 31.—The Workers' Union (TGWU) who
Security Council immediately opposed endorsement of the adjourned for consultations to seek a common course against the Pretoria Government. The five-point programme, which vote was 10 for and five against may breach the 12-month rule each of three proposals that on pay rises, must now be reflected a hardine course by approved by the Government Africans. But the five votes and the TUC. against included those of United States. Britain and France, thus constituting veroes. The other two "no yours! Mr Derck Whittaker, manag-

were cast by Canada and West The council approved unantmously a fourth, blandlyworded resolution strongly condenning massive violence and

"It is a tremenous boost to
morale for everybody in Leyland Cars and in our supplier
and dealer networks.

"It would be unrealistic to

suppose that all our problems tain to raise fresh political con-will disappear overnight, but troversy in the miners' union.

Cambodia's horror seen through the eyes of two children

country.

The experiences of Khieng This communal organization and Kuy were harrowing but into work groups that live

not unique, according to most accounts from the refugees who trickle our of Cambodia in steadily decreasing numbers. Their lives were similar to their members' communal their for long days of work were their members' communal their members' commu

From Henry Kamm
Lamsing, Thailand

If Hong An Khieng knew to smile, he would look like most 12-year-old Cambodian bays used to look, but perhaps slighter and older than his age. During a talk of more than two hours with the boy and his family, no smile lit his drawn face and sad eyes, even when he talked volubly.

His 10-year-old sister. Hong Vuoch Kuy, although she shared Khieng's experiences, has kept the easy Khmer smile, which so eachanted foreign visitors until, two-andahalf years ago, the communists completed their victory and made Cambodia perhaps the world's most isolated country.

The experiences of Khieng and Kuy were harrowing but

On one of the few days when families can meet, a villager led his people to escape by boat

All people over the age of six work: the elderly mainly in their villages, where their tasks include taking care of the young children: most of the adults and children within the general area of their villages; and the unmarried young people farthest away. They rarely see their families. They rorely see their families. Toe refugees told of a life so parrow in confines that they were largely unaware of the new shape of their country, its organization and its public pro-nouncements beyond their commune. They did not know of the Communist Party and

They said their only rewards for long days of work were thin food twice a day in small quantity and an occasional piece of used clothing when their own fell off their backs. They spoke of living with neither doctors nor medicines, no schools, no money in circulation, no radio or any other communication between them and the government, which and the government.

They told of grimness punc-tuated by daily deaths, of ill-ness and hunger, and of vio-lent punishment for minor

transgressions.

Their narratives, devastating when heard from adults, become upmbing when they

later.

Khieng and Kuy recalled their lives since April, 1975. They now live in this squalid seaside camp where a thousand refugees, virtually all Vietnamers who escaped from Indomese, who escaped from Indo-China by small boat, wait for other countries to offer them a

haven.
Their father, mother and younger brother, as well as their older sister and her busband and their two children. fled by rowing boat, rowing for seven nights and hiding in the jungle along the coast or ou islands near by during the days The map was frightening. Khieng said, but he was not

Speed trials,

chief justice

More stringent financial control is needed to shorten criminal trials conducted at public expense, Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, has told the Royal Commission on Legal

The transcript of his oral evidence to the commission, given a few months ago, has

for more, and would have to show why he needed it.

Lord Widgery was asked by the commission to look into the possibility of introducing a pilot study incorporating his ideas but it has cious been

ideas, but it has since been learnt that such a study is impracticable.

"When the bottomless pit of legal aid was substituted for

the ordinary lay lingant we did not find it possible to include in the system any kind of con-trol of the kind I think a com-

have to exercise if his outgoings

were £20m or £30m, which is the sort of legal aid price now for criminal cases". Lord

for criminal cases". Lord Widgery said.
"I find it really inescapable that the increasing length of these trials is in some way connected with the greater freedom of the purse."

There was "a general failure to observe the interests of economy, which is induced by the fact that there is nobody in the whole system who is

in the whole system who is interested in economy, nobody

cut cost,

proposes

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent



given a few months ago, has been released, and in it he expresses disquiet over trials "getting unhealthily longer".

One suggestion floated by Lord Widgery was a predetermined flat fee for counsel acting in a legal aid case, rather than a daily rate.

An officer of the court would ask the harrister to online the Captain Caroline Frost (left) and Ann Hardy, her copilot, at the controls of a British Air Ferries Handley Page Dart Herald at Düsseldorf yesterday. With two stewardesses they made ask the barrister to outline the salient features of the case, such as the number of up the first all-woman aircrew to land in West Germany. witnesses and the estimated length, and a fee would be agreed. If it proved too little the barrister could come back

ballot.

If, as seems likely, the execu-

that it is an unrepresentative

That will not prevent M:

Joseph Germiey, NUM president, from pushing shead with

the scheme, which gives rises of £23.50 for face workers who

fulfil an agreed weekly output

ket and Opinion Research International for Nationwide, the BBC television programme

(a Staff Reporter writes).

More than half of a representative sample of 1,061 people questioned on the state of the

company were against further state aid. Asked about the

causes of Leyland's poor per-formance, 40 per cent blamed unions while 16 per cent blamed the present manage-

Militant shop stewards were mainly blamed, 49 per cent of those questioned choosing them as the principal cause of strikes. Of those interviewed who thought that Leyland should

continue to receive state aid, more than half said the com-

pany should be given the money it sought, and that it should be split into smaller

Ministers look for pit pact today after Leyland men back pay deal

Labour Editor

British Leyland car workers yesterday partly relieved the Government's anxiety over pay bargaining in the public sector with a big vote in favour of ware reforms. Ministers are now looking for similarly encourag-

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers will appounce the result of a secret pithead ballot on a productivity deal designed to ease coalifield pay norest, and the National Coal designed to ease coalfield pay unrest, and the National Coal Board expects a small majority in favour. Taken with the majority of nearly two to one to accept the Leyland wage package, the pit deal would give a considerable fillip to Cabinet all workers from today if the considerable fillip to Cabinet and the National Coal The alternative would be to press hours an alternative de police, and the Department of th

the reform offer. There was an 87 per cent turn-out of the manual labour force. 90,333 manual labour force. 90.333 substantial minority "No" valid papers being returned to the Electoral Reform Society attitude to the reforms. Mr Reg out of 193,505 issued.

The vote was something of a soub to many shop stewards of opposed endorsement of the scheme in spite of the approval of most other unions. The 550m may breach the 12-month rule

ing director of Leyland Cars. said that the ballot outcome was very encouraging. He added: "It is a tremendous boost to

with good will and cooperation tive's recommendation to re-introduce local incentives to boost flagging coal production believe we can now look forward to restoring confidence in the company." The first test of that confiis carried by the votes of non-mining members of the NUM, left-wing militants will argue

dence will come when British Leyland puts its plan for economic recovery to the National Enterprise Board next week. Shap-floor acceptance of the more towards centralized bar-gaining and a 10 per cent pay rise is an important part of the state car company's prospectus, which depends on a further £50m injection of public capi-

The IGWU shop stewards support the troubled car com-whose opposition produced the pany's survival, according to an substantial minority "No" opinion poll conducted by Mar-Parsons, transport union shop steward at a plant at Cowley,
Oxford, said: "It is a question
of two evils. I am opposed a
corporate bargaining but I
would be the first to agree that
considerable reforms are

necessary.
"If Leyland itself is at stake, and there is no other way than this package, then I am almost compelled to agree with it." But he gave a warning that the shift away from plant bargain-ing contained many pitfalls that would be exploited by "aggro boys and troublemakers". While the troubled Leyland care division appears to be mov-

ing into more tranquil times, the slender majority expected for the change to productivity

Sir Eric was bankrupt

Properties apparently died bankrupt. He left £301,864 gross,

come policy this winter.

In their first shopfloor ballot on a companywide management offer. Leyland Cars employees voted 59.029 to 31.304 to accept the reform offer. There was an offer the reform offer there are the reform offer. There was an offer the reform offer there are the reform of the re

had arranged to hide any assets before his death. "If he had had any money he would have used it to save face", he said. London Weekend Television's Sunday that no proper forensic tests had been carried out after Sir Eric's shooting.

Will shows

By a Staff Reporter
Sir Eric Miller's will, published yesterday, shows that the former chairman of Peachey

ton. His business and financial Inquiries involv-

London Programme alleged on

sire at the age of 34.
Sir Eric, aged 50, died in September. He was found shot in his garden in South Kensing-

affairs had been under increasing scrutiny. Inquiries involv-ing him and his Peachey career

> whose duty it is to consider economy, and no sort of finan-cial control at all. "Instead of saying, in effect, to those representing a legally aided defendant: 'You go right thead and spend as much as you think right. It does not matter. We will write the cheque, whatever it is', you would have some kind of control, some kind of pressure.
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termanent ban. persisted with its present killings as an ourgrowth of The next day, however, it process. apartheid.—UPI. Police take 10% Lord Carver given but firemen's

wage talks fail Jalks on the firemen's 30 per cent pay calks on the firemen's 30 per cent pay claim were adjourned until Thursday without settlement, but the Police Federation said it would recommend to 104,000 members in England and Vices to accept the Government's 10 per cent offer. Police leaders in Scotland and Northern Ireland followed wit. Talks at the Agricultural Wages for it the control with the pay scales for it the control without a new page 2

Equal pay ended

Workers at the Meriden Motorcycle Concentive voted to end the equal-pay-in-all agreement which was introduced hen the cooperative was formed in starch, 1975. The men agreed unanimously to the introduction of a graded incentive scheme Page 20

30C peace in sight

on stewards representing 3,000 strik-British Oxygen Company workers ided by a narrow majority to recomi a return to work after a fresh offer. The strike is having a severe et on industry, with 35,000 workers off throughout the country. If strike ends pay talks will reopen Thursday Page 19

the cold shoulder

Field Marshal Lord Carrer was given the cold shoulder yesterday by Rhode-sian guerrilla leaders. His talks as commissioner-designate with Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe, joint leaders of the Patriotic Front, lasted just over an hour. They were due to extend over two days. No date was set for a later meeting Page 7

Executions in China

At least 23 people have been executed for mainly political crimes in the south-western Chinese city of Kunming. The executions were the latest in a series in various parts of China since the downfall of the "gang of four" Page 7

Jail threat lifted

A jail threat banging over Mr Andrew Beran, the Labour Party's youth officer, has been lifted. A High Court judge ruled that he was not guilty of con-tempt of court over a legal han on a meeting of the management committee of Newham. North-East, Labour Party

Bank girl's killing

A man accessed of the murder of a girl bank therk at Hom, near Richmond upon Thames, had tried to hang himself before he eventually confessed to the killing, the prosecution said at the Central Criminal Court Page 4

Storms cut rail and road services

Gales and floods affected much of Britain, disrupting transport and damaging property. At one time all road links between England and Scotland were impassable except the A1, and railway lines were blocked. There were floods in Wales, and in Sussex houses were damaged. A gust of 70 knots was recorded in the Isle of Wight Page 4

Grandparents' right Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP for Cam-

or Robert Eneces James. Me for Cambridge, who introduced a Bill into the Commons in July to enable grand-parents to apply to a magistrates or county court for access to their grand-children, says there are hundreds of such cases, amounting to a deficiency in family law. Page 4

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More power cuts are likely today Most parts of Britain suffered

power cuts yesterday, and the Electricity Council said last night that there would be more today.
Last night's blackouts came

berween 4.30 and 7.30 pm, the peak period when workers were returning home and meals were being prepared. In London the electricity control centre reported that 15

per cent of the capital had been without power for periods of up to two hours. Long queues of up to two hours. Long queues of traffic lights went out.

In Birmingham, the Fox and Goose public house, which had been without beer for 27 months because of a draymen's dispute, was plunged into darkness as it reopened for business. The dispute had been resolved but the power cut lasted 27 minutes and without electricity there could be no ceremonial drawing of the first piot. Bottled beer was used instead. After a house fire at Bearsted, Kent, caused when a young boy tried to light candles during a power cut, the police warned parents not to let chil-

warned parents not to let chil-dren play with fire.

The blackouts are the result of a work-to-rule by workers at

60 power stations in an un-official dispute over fringe official dispute over benefits.

Police take 10% pay rise but firemen's claim is unresolved

By Donald Macintyre Labour Staff

As policemen's representaaccepted the Government's 10 per cent pay offer, to ks to settle claims by fireto reach agreement yesterday.

Last night the Home Secretary joined union leaders and local authority negotiators in discussions on the firemen's 30

per cent pay claim. The talks failed to reach a sertlement, and further discussions were arranged for Thurs-

day.
At vesterday's meeting local authority employers and Fire Frigades Union officials warned Mr Rees that there would be a serious threat to public safety if negotiations on firemen's pay break down then.

The employers' side of the National Joint Council for Fire Erizades had offered the union a 10 per cent increase within the government guidelines, coupled with continuing discussions on firemen's pay, relative to other groups. The union's 20 per cent claim would take the basic gross pay of a quali-fied fireman to £85.71.

Both the employers and the union, which is under pressure to out orize strikes unless the pay demands are met, took the musual step of adjourning the to warn Mr Rees of the dan-

List of buildings for disabled

A national register of buildings designed or adapted for disabled people is to be estabc.upped (our Social Services are understailed, are demand-correspondent writes). The register is intended to be used by architects and planners. by architects and planners.

The centre, which seeks in the observation unit last month. Management members

gers of a breakdown in negotia-

The 10 per cent offer to the is to be recommended by the Ponce renewal 104,000 members in England the Police Federation to its men and farm workers failed and Wales, the federation decided yesterday.

The decision, which was fol-lowed by the leaders of Scottish and Northern Ireland police will receive 10 per cent from September 1, subject to further negotiations on how the money should be paid.

Mr Jomes Jardine, chairman of the federation, said it expected that the independent review into police pay would urgently consider the original chims for rises of between 78 per cent and 104 per cent.
The federation has told Mr Rees that it expects the review's

findings to result in a fresh pay increase within the present wages round. The Government has not yet onmitted itself to such a pro-posal, which, unless the police are treated as a special case, would contravene the rule that

12 months must elapse between pay settlements. Talks at the Agricultural Wages Board simed at achieving acceptable new pay rates for farm workers broke up in deadlock last night. The board will meet again on Friday to try to

Hospital ward picketed

lished by the Centre on after an attack on a night nurse Environment for the Handiare caring for patients in the

Liberal call for four more Ulster

By Our Political Correspondent The injustice of Northera Ireland's under-representation in Parliament at Westminster must be rectified as quickly as possible, the Liberal Party states in its submission to the Speaker's Conference considering that question.

Mr Clement Freud. MP for the Isle of Ely and the party's spokesman on Northern Ireland, and Mr Michael Steed, president-elect of the party, yesterday called for four more seats for the region. Northern Ireland's share of the total Westminster electorate entiries it to minster electorate entitles it to exactly 16 seats instead of the present 12. But the Liberals proposition is likely to run into

They propose that there should be a new lour-member constituency. covering the constituency, covering the whole of Northern Ireland, with an election on the single transferable vote system of propor-tional representation.

That would be open to the criticism that for the present Parliament, at least, the electors of Northern Ireland would be having a second vote. It would also be seen as a first move leading to the adoption of proportional representation for the whole of the United Kingdom, a Liberal objective that has long been opposed by the two other main parties.

other main parties.

"The people of Northern Ireland are used to this single transferable vote system, which is much fairer and more suitable to political conditions than first-past-the-post" they say.

"Within a few weeks of the law being passed, a by-election should be held for the four new seats.

Northern Ireland seats . . Northern Ireland could have its fair share of seats at Westminster within six months."

That would depend on the Speaker's Conference reporting quickly, and on the Govern-

Army says soldiers' living conditions in Belfast are being improved gradually

From Annabel Ferriman

Army living conditions in Northern Ireland are comparable to some of the worst thern Ireland, said yesterday.

He is seeking a meeting this week with Mr Mason, Secretary week with Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr. Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, to demand more accommodation to relieve round the whole battery.

Because of the mission hall's perienced men were leaving, sage it has to be cleaned every three hours. Only four lavatories and four showers are proof State for Northern Ireland, and Mr. Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, to demand overcrowding.

"They have got to spend more money. The worst problem is overcrowding and the claus-trophobic quarters. It is necessary to enlarge the space per man", he said.

Mr Neave's remarks came after recent complaints of serious congestion and substandard accommodation.

Army conditions in Belfast

vary from spacious to squalid. The luckiest soldiers are billeted in the Grand Central Hotel, which, despite torn linoleum which, despite for innocum and peeling paintwork, retains the large rooms and wide stair-cases of its elegant past. The hotel was taken over by the Army in 1972 and 17 regi-ments have so far enjoyed such luxuries as a sauna bath,

a gymnasium and squash courts. Each bedroom has a wash basin, and some have private bath-

In contrast, a crumbling Methodist mission hall and a converted public house provide cramped and dreary quarters for about sixty soldiers of 47 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in the Markets district. in the Markets district.

Men are cooped up in stiple banking, 12 to a room measuring 15ft by 12ft in the former public house, while 30 sleep in the draughty mission hall. Beds are only two or three feet apart, allowing little room for personal belongings and not much peace when trying to sleep.

sleep.

Battery Sergeant Major Paul
Miller said the worst aspect was
the lack of privacy. "I should
like to sit down somewhere

The sex discrimination and

both are in urgent need of

amendment, according to a re-

port by the National Council

for Civil Liberties, published

It says that women who a lege discrimination at work aave had difficulty in deciding which Act is applicable.

The NCCL makes 35 detailed

recommendations for amendment. One, on the Equal Pay Act. would remove the anomal-

no longer there for comparison. On the Sex Discrimination

Act, the report proposes that

tacts pointing to potential dis-crimination the burden of proof

should shift to the employer to show that there had been none.

Amending the Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act. (NCCL, 186 Kine's Cross Road, London, WC1, 50p.)

todav.

prisoner of war camps in the are another worry, and strict earns just over £40, from which last war, Mr Airey Neave, rules of hygiene have to be he has to pay £9.50 a week opposition spokesman on Nor observed to prevent their rent for his army accommodation. There is a large work of the control of the con had to be sent on outdoor duty to ensure that it did not go

does, but you just cannot do it. People get on each other's nerves living on top of each.

The solve of the 50 men, and there is only one pay telephone for the 30 soldiers in the mission.

For such hours a lance

therves living on top of each For such hours a lance bombadier in the battery.

Colds and contagious diseases married with three children.

Pay levels were producing a high attrition rate and a young

accommodation is bad, but only about 400 to 500 troops are in substandard accommodation.

improving accommodation in Belfast and people have been moved out of the smaller bases, which were very bad. We are very lucky in Northern Ireland because, almost without exception, we have got what we asked for in the way of money

for accommodation or equipment from the Government. Where we can spend money to improve things we are doing

The Methodist mission hall that serves as a barracks in Belfast.

Pickets outside Whittingham Hospital, Preston, yesterday ad-rised union members not to enter a close observation ward

ment's support for legislation. In the present parliamentary situation it is not likely to be forthcoming. Changes urged Outdated attitudes by authorities blamed in Acts to

From Pearce Wright Science Editor

Whitehaven A parallel was drawn at the Windscale inquiry yesterday between the growing disaffec-tion of the public over tower blocks of flats and the proposals to build a new plant for re-processing waste nuclear fuel. Presenting the final submis-sion for the Political Ecology Research Group, Mr Peter Tay-for suggested the present plan was seen by the developers as enisfying a particular need, but in the end the public could turn against it because it offended their most fundamental needs. Mr Taylor said that some-

road ordinary, decent people were sitting down and saying "Over my dead body you go or turn back". Unpalatable as that might be, it was a fact of life. In Europe already, he said, a teacher had been killed because those behind could not hear to look back. "We in Mr Taylor argued that much

Britain at least, are not being purhed quite so hard." of the difficulty in the nuclear no respect for it.

power debate lay in outdated attitudes and philosophies of for public concern was not just

British Nuclear Fuels' manage-British Auctear Fuels' manage-ment and the authorizing and controlling authorities with re-sponsibilities for public health and safety, such as the National Radiological Protection Board an' the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

The difficulty, in his opinion, arose because Windscale grew from a requirement for defence purposes. The building of plants for handling commercial nuclear materials was an extension of those philosophies in design.

He believed that waste materials, particularly plutonium and americium, could be retained rather than discarded, and expressed confidence in the design ability of British Nuclear

of touch with modern environ-mental awareness. Indeed, more than that, there was a suspicion that whoever made those deci-sious realized that such an awareness existed but could not understand it, and indeed had

Will you still

love me when

I'm sixty four?

It's a frightening fact that the old get lonelier as

they get older, simply because one by one their friends die. It also gets progressively more difficult to

In reality, getting old can become a very lonely

wait, sitting huddled over a hot water bottle. The

only answer is to have somewhere nearby where

senior citizens can meet, share a chat and a cup of

tea; find they are not alone and be no bother to

To help answer this enormous need, Help the Aged

set up Day Centres. They are staffed by devoted people

and helped by volunteers who give their time and

service for no payment. But it still costs money to build

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be carefully used to make some old people here or

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for a Centre; £5 will send 25 meals abroad, while

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abroad less lonely, cold and hungry.

the Day Centre.

for a particular purpose.

get about, and where can they go anyway?

protect women for discord over nuclear power By Our Legal Correspondent a feature of British Nuclear equal pay Acts should eventually merged, but until then

The evolution of the nuclear industry had been such that managerial staff had moved on to the controlling bodies of national and international organizations. Thus they sat with other groups of experts and defined the codes of practice in which they helped to set the terms of reference for their old company to indice

On the National Radiological Protection Board, he said the vacated by a man and is paid scientific expertise within the vacated by a man and is paid organization was unriverse that less than he was, but cannot use the Act because the man is marchers on the electronuclear road ordinary, decent people were sitting down and saving "Over my dead body you go or turn back". Unpalatable as that might be, it was a fact of life. In Europe already, he said to be sufficiently in the said to be s

the principle be accepted. They included a deferment of any decision until 1983, by which time investigations into the safety of oxide fuel reprocessing plants should be conducted.

knife on

coloured man

A white teenager who was alleged to have pulled a knife alleged to have pulled a knife on a coloured man at the carnival at Notting Hill, London, was remanded on bail at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday. Mr Roderick Romain, the magistrate, was told there were only three known incidents of whites attacking blacks at the carnival.

Stephen Hoffernan aged 18

Stephen Heffernan, aged 18, an accounts clerk, of Birch Hill, Bracknell, Berkshire, was found guilty of having a penknife as au offensive weapon. He was remanded on bail until Novem-ber 28 for social inquiry reports. A black Post Office engineer found guilty of assaulting the police as they closed in on rioters was also remanded on bail. Deveran Sandiford, aged 26, of Dornton Road, Balham, was alleged to have lashed out at a line of policemen with

riot shields.

A coloured youth who was A coloured youth who was alleged to have brandished a knife and shouted "Kill the pigs, kill them all" when he joined rioters who chased a police sergeant was remanded on ball also Areal England on bail also. Arvel Ford, aged 18, a storeman, of Finnis Street, Green, was found guilty of threatening behaviour and having a 41-inch-blade knife as an offensive weapon.

Fuels, but one of the reasons why the controlling bodies failed to act in the way he

The evolution of the nuclear old company to judge

Addition of Taylor was seeking a complete rejection of plans for reprocessing the had cther recommendations should

Rent defaulters 'should Sales prospects, page 20 hand over benefits' Teenager drew By Our Local Government

Association of District Councils
states in a memorandum on the
Government's recent consultative document on housing to make attachment of earnings

It expresses regret that the Green Paper contains no legislative proposals "on the growing problem of arrears, which has been a cause of con-

refuses to pay his rent, in Correspondent
Tenants who refuse to pay their rent should be made to hand over unemployment, sick ness and other benefits directly to their housing authority, the housing authority to their housing authority, the Health and Social Security, contains a support of the contains a

orders should also be extended to cover rent payments.
On council housing provision generally, the association says that tenants, ratepayers and taxpayers have received taxpayers have received extremely good value for money from local authority

Where a tenant consistently management and maintenance Britain orders pout ban to

ban on fishing for Norway pout in a 240-mile stretch of the North Sea to protect future breeding stocks of white fish.

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, failed at EEC talks last week to get agreement to extend the

existing ban. He is now making an order outlawing, in a 90-mile-wide were being netted.

strip from the Orkney Islands After the order an south to the Moray Firth, small in the area using the mesh fishing for pout, which net faces prosecution.

protect white fish stocks Britain has ordered a total is processed into fish meal. Fears for immatuure stocks of cod haddock and whiting had arisen after the North Sea harring ben earlier this year forced the Danes, in particular, to switch to Norway pout.

Because of the heavy concentration of fishing in what is known as the "pout box", large quantities of young white fish

were being netted.

After the order any trawler in the area using the pout-size

Long trials 'unsuited to jury system'

Continued from page 1 needed more on the defence than on the prosecution side. He agreed, however, that another cause of protracted trials was that the prosecution tended to accuse too many defendants on

"It is very tempting, when they have a criminal enterprise uncovered with a large number of people involved in it to a greater or lesser extent, just to put a trawl in, pick up all the fish, big and small and charge

some kind of interest being shown by a person whose job it was to say: 'You are spending too much. Think again'."

That means that when the tothe difficulty strial comes on you have a mumber of defence counsel who "We are getting too much. Think again'."

The Lord Chief Justice felt their own client's interest is so voive such an amall that they can be actively the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively and money and money the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively the control of expenditure was small that they can be actively to the difficulty to the difficul small that they can be actively

employed for only a very small recruitage of the time."

It should be possible to be said.

Separate the trials of the big on and little fish, taking the worst opinious he respected thought smaller trials would be a significant record of the said.

He was concerned about the lact that only certain limited classes of jurors could be picked for such trials: the single owner / businessman could not do it, nor could inousewives with young chill-wife we are not careful,

opinions he respected thought smaller trials would be a significant step towards speedier and cheaper justice.

Lord Widgery, who was joined in giving evidence to the commission by Mr Justice Ackner, Mr Justice Arnold and Mr Justice Oliver, also referred

That means that when the to the difficulty caused by long "We are getting a significant numbers of these ultra-long trials which seem to me to involve such an expenditure of

> we get a sort of professional julor clas of those who have the time and the occasion to

Tory resistance to devolution attacked exhausted, Mr Steel said. "November, 1977 will be the month in which the Westminster Parliament has its last change to decide whether the decide

Continued resistance by the Conservative Party to Scottish devolution was condemned by Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, in

a speech at Giffnock, Strath-clyde, last night.

He said that though
"missionary work" still had to
be done among some doubting
Labour MPs, the greatest resistance came from the Tories, who were rushing about wring-ing their bands, "requesting everyone to join in further and apparently limitless discussions on the subject".

5-day debate on

Queen's speech

the first three days next week,

it was amounted yesterday (our Political Staff writes.

On Thursday next week there will be a general debate on the

economy of Ways and Means resolutions and a Bill on the pensioners' tax-free '110 Christmas bonus will be before the House.

chance to decide whether to provide Scorland with an acceptable form of internal self-government, or face the inevitable pressure to break up the United Kingdom", he said. He expected the second readings of the two new Bills for devolution of powers to Scot-land and Wales, and the time-table motion on them, to be

discuss reducing Scottish representation at Westminster to bring it into line with the Eng-lish after devolution", he said. "Instead of transferring the worst features of Westminster government to Scotland, we should instead be eager to

lir Steel feared that some of the decisions to be taken would be wrong. "For example, the Government still refuses to

establish new and more-responsible patterns of demo-cracy", he said.

Judge lifts jail threat to Labour Party man

A jail tireat hanging over Mr Andrew Gevan the Labour Parry's youth officer, was lifted by Mr Justice Peter Pain in the High Court yesterday. He ruled that Mr Bevan was not guilty of contempt of court over a legal ban on a meeting of the management comicittee of the Newham, North-east, Labour Party. The judge told Mr Bevan that he was lucky and came out of

the incident with no personal credit. The move to jail Mr Bevan and six others was brought by Mr Patrick Milsom, a bus driver, who contended that they had defied a court injunction hanning a meeting of the general management committee

on September 28. Earlier the judge dismissed a contention that Mr Bovan broken the injunction. The order served on him had been defective because it did not include a warning that he could be jailed for defying it, he said. Yesterday he rejected a second allegation, that Mr Beyan had

anegation, that Mr Bevan had incited others to break the others to do so."

Since the hearing began four days ago commental proceedings against three other defendants have been dismissed and the action against a fourth dropped. The case against two more is proceeding.

proceeding.

The judge said it seemed to him that Mr Bevan had been giving a lead to people at the meeting in a way in which he should not have done. If the order served on him had not been defective Mr Bevan would have been hard put to resist a finding of contempt.

But he continued: "There

was no material on which one could be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that he was guilty, not merely of trying to break the order but of inciting others to do so

Earlier the judge criticized Mr Milsom over evidence he had given in court on Friday. He said: "He made the impression on me of someone who simply was not even trying to

simply was not even trying to tell the truth."

The judge expressed fears that the court was "being abused by being drawn into political activity". He said he would be comported to know who who was providing financial backing for the application to have Mr Bevan and others com-

mitted to prison.

Mr Julian Lewis, a party
seward, refused to reveal the
identity of the people who had
offered to pay the legal bill if the jailing attempt failed.

Mr Lewis agreed that he was "one of the guiding supports". He had assured Mr Milsom that he would not find himself in financial difficulties as a result

Writer challenges editor's prerogative

By Our Political Staff

The Queen's Speech, outlining the Government's programme for the next session, will be newspaper's assertion that as a matter of "custom and prace of the custom and prace of matter of "custom and prac-tice" the editor; Mr M. H. (Fredy) Fisher, had an absolute prerogative, which he needed to explain to no one and could exercise in any way he

to justify it.

He did not accept that editors

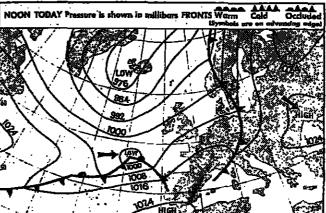
could, as a matter of custom and practice, change the terms of employment of their journachose. Hists for any reason wnatsoever.

Mr Tether, whose allegation of unfair dismissal is, being ableness of what they had done heard by a London industrial in the same way as employers had in do in every other walk in the same way as employers had to do in every other walk

Wells. QC: wiether he console arbiter of what went into the Financial Times, and whether be contended that once a writer had gone on doing the same job for mony years the editor was bound by contract to allow him to go on doing

The hearing continues today.

Weather forecast and recordings



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Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Showers, sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9" to 10"C (48" to 50"F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, Nty. NE "Scotland: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy and wintry; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7" to 9"C (45" to 48"F).

Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals.

Moon sets: Moon rises;
11.32 am. 8.42 pm
Last quarter: November 4.
Lighting up: 5.4 pm to 6.26 sm.
High water: London Bridge, 4.38
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6.8m (22.2te); 4.51 pm,
6.8m (22.2te); 9.59 pm,
11.4m (37.5tt). Dover, 1.29 sm,
6.3m (20.6tt); 1.48 pm, 6.0m
(19.8tt). Hull, 8.44 am, 6.5m
(21.5ft); 8.51 pm, 6.7m (21.8tt).
Liverpool, 1.43 am, 8.3m (27.2ft);
1.55 pm, 8.3m (27.2ft);
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A showery SW airstream covers

A showery SW airstream covers the British Isles but further cloud and rain are expected to reach SW districts later. SW districts later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, Central S England,
Midlands, N Wales: Showers,
souncy intervals, probably general
rain from W later; wind SW,
moderate or fresh; max temp 10*
to 13°C (50° to 55°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S
Wales: Showers, bright intervals.
rain from W later; wind SW,
moderate, becoming S, fresh or
strong; max temp 10* to 12°C
(50° to 54°F).

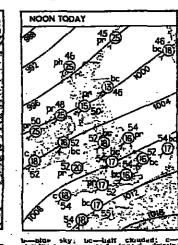
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



November forecast

The mereorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for November: The month as a whole is likely to be characterized by stronger w flow than usual, especially in the N and some unsettied periods are expected, with a good deal of rain and strong to gale winds, more especially in the N. Interfludes of relatively dry and quiet weather are, however, also tikely, and are expected to last longer in the SE than elsewhere.

Mean temp is expected to be above average in Scotland, N Ireland, Wales and W England and near average elsewhere. Total rainfall is likely to be above average in N Scotland, below average in East Anglia and S and orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, showers, occasionally heavy; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Continuing unsettled, windy at times; temp about normal. average in East Anglia and S and SE England, and near average

Gales are likely to be more frequent than usual in the N. and about average elsewhere. Frost and log may occur with average frequency in the SE but less frequently than usual in other pm. 76 per cent! Raid. 24hr to





County's initiative on bus services | Tasters give helps to keep down fares and halt loss in traffic

'ransport Correspondent

"Lancashire's fares subsidy is ties,

"Lancashire Leads the Way"

s the bosst of that proud bead of population, compared ounty in a leaflet explaining with South Yorkshire's £10m is public transport policies, or £8 a head, and Oxfordshire's schemes in development areas like Skelmersdale new nown. E200,000 or 36p a head (this rapple with the spiral of excludes concessionary fares ising fares and deteriorating on which South Yorkshire was firmly avoided. That was ervices as ear use, despite the nergy crisis and the rising cashire £1.25m, and Oxfordshire's seen as a function of bus compared to the property of the strength of excludes concessionary fares was firmly avoided. That was seen as a function of bus compared to the property of the strength of the property of row, and buses become teadily costlier and emptier. The two counties best known or their initiatives in this natter are South Yorkshire on he left wing and Oxfordshire n the right. The former, see-ag public transport as a social ervice, is giving subsidies to old and even expand its buses; he second is paring rate upport to the bone by means

ervices.

But both have run into rouble: South Yorkshire berause even its idealistic county councillors are beginning to admit privately that the burden on the rates is becoming in-inpportable; Oxford because he National Bus Company NEC) sees the county's policies as a threat to its own network of services and, upported by the Traffic Com-nissioners, is digging in its

village-based

low-cost,

But the Conservative conrolled Lancashire council's
cautious, pragmatic approach
cems to be paying dividends
on that the decline in public
cansport image is being
clowed, and the growth in fares
and subsidies controlled.

Annual traffic loss on the
buses is down to about 3 per
cent from 9 per cent two years
ago; this year's fare rise on
the county network operated by
Ribble, the NBC subsidiary,
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A call for an immediate ban on the export of livestock to

Europe has been made by the RSPCA to Mr Silkin, Minister

of Agriculture, Fisheries and Fond.

tions governing the export of

nimals for slaughter or further lattening are totally unsatisfactory and unenforceable.

In a report to Mr Silkin, the

RSPCA says the traffic in live animals is inhumane and

innecessary and adds that minals could equally well be exported after being slaughtered in Britain. That would considerably improve employment prospects in Britain in

The society says EEC regula-

On taking over coordination of public transport in 1973 Lancashire found itself in a peculiarly complex situation. Not only, like other shire counties, did it have no direct control over bus operating, but it dealt with a very mixed bunch: the state-owned Ribble-operated rural and inter-town services, more than half a dozen fiercely independent municipal undertakings in large towns like Preston. Blackburn and Lancaster, and some private sector operators,

Suggestions by Labour opposi-tion on the council that the only way to get order out of this chaos was to set up a passenger transport authority to run the lot were stoutly resisted. Instead, the county opted for a step by step, evolutionary approach. A team was set up at County Hall, drawn largely But the Conservative-conable of "talking to the operators able of "talking to the operators able of "talking to the operators in their own language". Market research was carried out to establish bus usage and customary image is heiro

peated breaches of transport standards set by both Britain and the EEC. European regula-tions, its report explains, are ignored and sidestepped for two main reasons: the impos-

sibility of enforcement from Britain and the lack of super-

rest, food and water, or a that was totally unsuitable

interests, inherited operating rights, and jealously guarded boundaries that so bedevil attempts at coordination and rationalization Between Morecambe and Lan-

caster, for example, there is a 102-yard gap across which the municipal buses of neither place may pass (under 1930 bus licensing agreements), although the ing agreements), although the two towns were merged under 1973 local government reorganization. A third operator, Ribble, does have through rights, which it is prepared to yield, however, only for a large linancial sum.

There are four bus depots and four union branches. Ribble faces, here and elsewhere in the county, were up to twice those

county, were up to twice those on municipal buses which enjoyed higher parronage, and in some cases local subsidies.

Lancashire's way through such thickers is a series of agency agreements" in which

"way behind".

Even some of the wines judged "acceptable" for inclusion in the book are then con-Ban on all live animal exports sought The society says foreign importers of British livestack are committing flagrant and repeated breather of transport That "reasonable period" has not been defined, it says.
"We can do nothin then beyond our shores", the report adds. "Only a complete ban on live exports announcement in July that the ministry was also investigating the livestock traffic.

Saugnter and for further fattening will prevent the suffering from continuing.

One case investigating ministry was also investigating the livestock traffic.

An EEC directive, which is due to come into force next year and which states that animals should not travel for longer than 24 hours without feeding or watering in a vehicle took as the transport of 1,300km, which took as hours without rest, feeding or watering in a vehicle

only-few bouquets to cheap wine By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

An increasing amount of bad wine is being sold in Britain, and the customer spending less than £2.50 a bottle has only an even chance of choosing anything palarable. Those are the conclusions of Joseph Berkmann and Allan Hall efter tasting 1,600 cheap bottles in the preparation of the 1978. Good Wine Guide.

The authors reckon to have tried everything under £2.50 that is widely available in Britzin, though they admit that some wines they did not some wines they did not actually passe; the smell alone was enough to put them off.
The most common defect, they say, is age. "New methods of production make it necessary to drink most wines while they are still young", the introduction to the book says, suggesting that a date of bottling should be put on the label of all nen-vintage wine. In the provinces the researchers found that for every wine they were prepared to list as acceptable there was another "well below the standard".

as acceptable there was another "well below the standard". One reason was the "many out-of-candition bottles" on sale is shops where the wine had been badly stored.

The tasters claim to have

"least over backwards to save a wine from being dismissed unfairly". Yet of 180 ordinary white wines tasted they rejected

113 totally. Clarer they thought best value for mouey. Of 153 tested, only 46 were rejected, and more were rated good or very good then in any other section. The Rhône provided some "our standing value", but Spanish "plonk" was generally pre-ferred to French, with Italian

sion in the book are toen con-demned with faint praise, or worse: For a 1973 Corbieres from Perer Dominic, for ex-ample, the entry reads: "Old and dry. That's the bad news. Now for the good news: they haven't got much of it left." Full approval goes to a top 10 list, which includes a Mus-cadet, a Yugoslav Cabernet and a Midi red at £1.39 each. Two of the top 10, claret and Asti Spumante, come from Marks and Spencer, relative newcomers to the wine market. Spar groceries are similarly complimented for their Cabernet d'Anjou, and Sainsbury for their



London's Lord Mayor-elect, Air Commodore Sir Peter Vanneck, with some Disney characters for the Lord Mayor's Show on November 12.

The bookselling business 4: Growth of clubs feared

Threat from possible end to price pact

in Britain: the entry of super-markets and large stores into the bookselling business, the increased activity of book clubs, and the possibility of the aboli-tion of ressle price maintenance on brooks. The next few years are likely to show whether small bookshoos will be able to withstand these threats and

Supermarkets stores have traditionaly kept out of books because of the low stack turnover. Any involve-ment has tended to be restric-ted to paperbacks. Woolworth went into paperback selling six years ago and has increased its turnover since then by 900 per

Cent to over £3m a year.
Last year, however. Marks and Spencer started selling hardbacks specially published under its own brand name and covering cookery, animals, transport history, reference works and childen's inverses. The books have sold well and

have been extended to all branches this year. d'Anjou, and Sainsbury for their Beaune de Venise, Côtes du Rhône.

Good Wine Guide 1978 (Chantal Wine Publications, £2.25).

By Ian Bradley

In fact, the entry of chain
Three clouds bang over the stores into the bookselling busifuture of traditional bookshops ness is unlikely to have adverse ness is unlikely to have adverse effects on traditional bookshops. The large stores are unlikely stray outside the very popular end of the market and will almost certainly sell to those who never visit bookshops.

Indeed, they may even stimulate a greater interest in books generally and actually help the trade of bookshops. That has certainly been the case with W. H. Smith, who is by far the biggest High Street outlet for books, with 12 per cent of the hardback market and 20 per cent of the paperback market in Britain. Bookshops normally regard proximity to Smith's as considerable advantage for

The growth of book clubs could pose a more serious threat to the survival of bookshops. An estimated 15 per cent of the population belong to book clubs, which offer substantial diswhich offer substantial dis-counts on recently published

What is worrying booksellers is the appearance in Britain of the Bertelsmann Book Club, a German firm which is already operating in 20 countries. Un-like British book clubs, which rely mostly on newspaper adver-tising, Bertelsmann recruits its

members by door-to-door direct seiling.

The Price Commission may well recommend the abolition

But for booksellers it could spell disaster. Mr Eric Bailey predicts that it would lead to people getting their books at a discount direct from publishers or central depots and mean "the end of traditional book-

The most serious threat fac-

ing booksellers is the possibility of the abolition of resale price maintenance on books. In 1957, in the net book agreement, British publishers agreed that no books should be sold at dis-count prices. The Restrictive Trade Practices Court examined the agreement in 1962 and decided it was in the public interest. In August Mr Hattersley, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, asked the Price Commis-sion to look into book prices and review the agreement.

of resale price maintenance on books. Certainly, many pub-lishers would like to see an end to the net book agreement. When Australia recently abolished price maintenance on books the effect was to increase the number of books sold and the number of titles published.

selling as we know it".

Commission calls for restoration of Snowdon

Snowdon can be restored to something approaching its original natural beauty in four years if national responsibility within England and Wales is accepted for its present sorry state, a report by the Countryside Commission states. The environmental blight on

and around "Yr Wyddfa", caused by about 400,000 people a year treading its paths or riding to its summit on the mountain railway from Llanberis, has troubled conservationists and mountaineers for many years.

1972 the commission decided to study worn-out and dangerous footpaths and excessive litter, and a firm of con-sultants was bired to give

advice. In its report, published yesterday, the commission suggested that the first need was for the establishment of a professional management ser-

vice for visitors. "Because of the mountain's national importance, a signifi-cant part of the financial cant part of the financial burden of its restoration, which should be undertaken quickly to remedy past neglect, must be accepted as a national responsibility in England and Wales", the report added.

The commission opposes any moves to restrict the number of visitors. Its main recom-mendations are that the Snowdouia National Park Committee should expand its "Yr Wyddfa" subcommittee and ask it to prepare a plan for a management service, which could rehabilitate footpaths as a matter of pregency and provide general services to visito and landowners.

There should be early nego-

tations by the national park committee in association with the commission and the Wales Tourist Board on possible grant rid to the Snowdon Mountain Railway Company to provide piped water, mains electricity, telephone, and improved sewerage and litter collection services at the summit.

The report suggests that a new brilding on me summit o replace the necessarily care and overloaded one constructed many years ago by the Mountain Railway Company s a desirable long-term aim. Snowdon (Countryside S*nowdon* ((mission, free).

Search for chemical

The police are searching along the Sussex coast for bottles of bromine, a lethal chemical, thought to have gone overboard from a ship.

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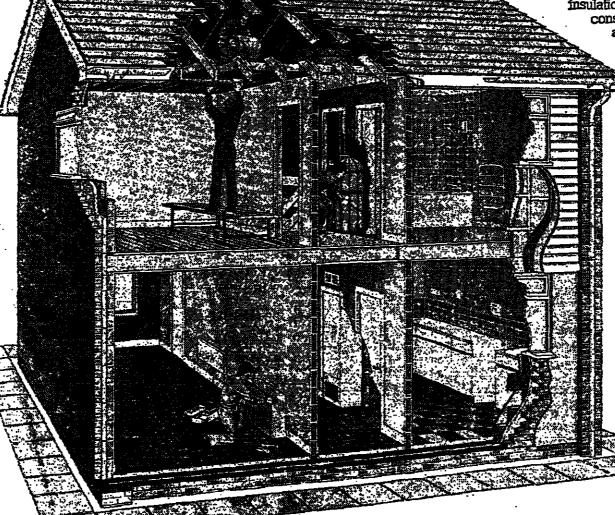
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Man accused of bank murder tried to hang himself, jury is told

Michael John Hart, accused up, walked out of the bank and of murdering Angela Wooliscroft, aged 20, a bank clerk, Mr Corkery told the jury tried to hang himself before he that the Crown maintained that crentually confessed to the killing, it was alleged at the Cen. The gun had been deliberately prosecution, said Mr Hart's deliberately fired.
The police revived him. few days later he had told them: "I did shoot the girl.

It was an accident." Mr Hart had said that he tried to commit suicide "be-cause of the murder, and because of the wife and kids". Mr Corkery alleged that Mr Hart, carrying a sawn-off double-barrel shotgum, shot Miss Wooliscroft at point-black range after she bad handed over £2,000 at a branch of Barclays Bank at Ham, near Richmond upon Thames, on November 10 last year.

accepted by the prosecution. Mr Corkery said Mr Hart had uutlined to the police how he had gone into the bank with the loaded shotgun under his coat. Before going in he had put on a black wig to make himself look like a Pakistani. At the counter he demanded

He had said that the girl scemed "ages and ages" and had added: "I knocked the glass partition and said: 'Hurry up.' The money dropped into the tray and the gun went off."

He was said to have added: He was said to have added:
"I knew I hit the girl because
she screamed. I just hoped
she was wounded." In a statement later he was alleged to
have said he hoped to break
floor. I saw a man standing on
the glass. "The gun went off
the niter side of the counter
the niter side of the partition, which is the girl raised her head. She creamed. I had no intention of shooting anyone."

Turner and Sons, a gunsmiths, of Whitley Street, Reading, was broken into and a 12-bore shorgun, a .22 pistol and a .32 revolver were stolen. Mr Hart sawed off the ends of both barrels of the shotgun

and then drove to Kingston in

a Maxi car borrowed from a garage, where his own car was being repaired. In the car park of Bentalls store he took an A40 car, which had been parked there earlier by a woman. He decided to use a mackintosh and a pair of sun glasses, which had been left in her Car. Counsel said that when Mr Mr Hart, aged 38, formerly of St Peter's Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, has pleaded not guilty to murder. His plea of was wearing sun glasses and a wig, and his features were trampshire, has pleaded nor was wearing sun glasses and a guilty to murder. His plea of wig, and his features were guilty to manslaughter was not darkened. When the shotgun darkened when the prosecution. was fired, it blasted the five-eighths inch thick glass par-tition, particles of which went into Miss Wooiscroft's body. She also had pellets in her

> Mc Corkery said that on January 23 Mr Hart asked the police to seend for his wife and to have said: "I did shoot the girl. It was an accident." What his wife arrived Mr Hart caught hold of her hands and said; "It was an accident. I am sorry about the publicity.

I done it. love. closes to the partition, which was shattered. I saw the hole in the glass, realized it was a "When I came back to my gun and dropped to the floor senses I realized there was opposite my desk." money in the tray. I picked it The trial continues today.

Couple on 13 charges after car siege

night. The charges included assaulting the Chief Constable

Mr David Smith, procurator fiscal, said later in a prepared

A man and a girl appeared in private before Sheriff John Christie in Dundee yesterday to face 13 charges after a car siege in the city on Friday with assault and robbery and fire arms and malicious damage. beth Ann Green were charged with assault and robbery and five charges of assault. No addresses were given for the defendants.

of the assault charges the vic-tims were Lee Pascoc and June statement that George McTagger gart Morrison was charged alone with four offences of theft by housebreaking, a contravention of the Firearms Act.

Scottish rail and road links severed by storms

Many parts of Britain were badly affected yesterday by gales and floods, which closed road and rail routes and damaged property.

Scotland suffered par-ticularly. All road links with England, except the east coast A1, were impassable for a time. Some roads were under 3ft of water. The Glasgow to London rail route was closed because of damage to the electrical system near Lockerbie. It was not expected to reopen until this afternoon.

The alternative route through Kilmarnock was also closed because of flooding, although it reopened later. All early morning trains to England were cancelled and later trains were diversed through Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne. After tenants on an estate at Bowhill, near Selkirk, had been cut off by flood water a helicopter was sent from the RAF station at Boulmer. Northumberland, to take them to safety. Parts of Wales, Cumbria and the West Country were under water and most parts of the country were affected either by

trees were brought down, blocking roads. Coastguards reported a force 12 gales off the Lizard. Cornwall, and a gust of 70 knots at the Needles, Isle of Wight. Lorries were diverted from many roads because of high winds, and 40 mph speed limits were imposed. were imposed.

neavy storms or by gales. Many

Mere imposed.

In Sussex tides were torn from buildings at Brighton, Hastings and Eastbourne, and some shop windows were blown in. High seas damaged beach huts. Early ferry services between the Isle of Wight and the mainland were delayed. In Cumbria a landslide blocked the railway line between Workington and White-hayen. The centre of the storm was Keswick, where 5.2 inches of rain fell in 24

The Greta overflowed its

banks and the lakes of Bas-senthwaite and Derwentwater were virtually linked. Keswick Grammar School had to be closed because of flooding.

In North Wales the village of In North Wales the village of Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon was bady affected. Forty homes and shops were flooded when streams overflowed. A Russian seaman is believed to have drowned in Falmouth harbour after being mouth harbour after being washed overboard during a storm on Sunday night. He was the mate of the Soviet tug Jaguar, which was standing by a Soviet floating dock in harbour for repairs.

Hospital's subnormal patients were dirty and poorly clothed, suspended consultant says

Subnormal patients at Nor-mansfield Hopsitla, Teddington, were dirty, smelly and poorly chither, a public inquiry in London yesterday was told by D. Terence Lawlor, the consult-

ant in charge. He was suspended from his post as consultant psychiatrist in subnormality at Normans-field in May last year after staff unrest. Dr Lawlor was giving evidence at the inquiry set up by Mr Ennals, Secretary of tSate for Social Services. Dr Lawlor, aged 53, of Wimbledon, said he was apointed to Normansfield in

December, 1970. Cross-examined by Mr Philip Otton, QC, for the Treasury olicitor. Dr Lawlor agreed that by the time he was suspended six senior staff members had left. While he was at Normans-field there was a gradual deterioration in his relationships with sections of the nursing staff. They complained about his attitude, and he about

their competence.
Some senior nurses circulated a petition about his attitude.
Eventually, senior nurses
decided that although they
were part of the hospitals

An experimental adoption phone-in counselling service has proved so successful that it is being extended to cover nine new areas from Greater London to the Isle of Wight.

The service, sponsored jointly by several children's charities, offers free and confidential ad-

vice to people unwilling to approach formal agencies such as local authoriries or adoption

The first two adoption phone-in" services began 18 months ago in Surrey and Sus-

sex. Other schemes opened up not long afterwards north of the

Thames, in the South-west, the Midlands and the North-east.

All have been used continu-ally by people anxious to know

about adoption services, par-ticularly since the Children Act, 1975, has changed the law. The service is being extended

from today to cover Greater London, Essex Hertfordshire,

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire,

Bedrorosine, Buckinghamsmre, Berkshire, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Surrey, Kent, East and West Sussex. The tele-phone will be manned five hours a day every weekday,

and posters advertising the service will be displayed in clinics, doctors' surgeries, libraries, town halls and senior

management process they if he admitted that Normans-would seek the support of their field had had its back broken trade union the Confederation and whether he acknowledged of Health Service Employees

Mr Otton: "They did so because they believed that without resorting to their trade union they could not expect to gain any improvement change in your basic attitude? Dr Lawlor: "The general thrust of the nursing officers' complaint was that they wanted to act more autonomously and have a for greater say, almost a complete say, in taking patients out of the hospital on various trips without medical

clearance. Dr Lawler said an unofficial strike by Cohse members had resulted in his suspension. It was true, he said, that he was the first consultant to be sus-pended because of a union's activity, and he would not be

Dr Lawlor said that during the evears he was consultent psychiatrist the hospital had acquired a bad name in cer-tain quarters and a good one in others. He was not aware of its having a bad name in its

any responsibility for that state of affairs. Dr Lawlor replied:
"Yes, I do. My long-rerus strategy was sound, but the immediate ractics I adopted were

He had decided to tread werely at first and be evey-going by letting people find their way themselves. Dr Lawler was asked if in his relationthip with other people inside the hospited he contributed in ony way to the breakdown of the hospital. He replied: "I think that

conflict that occurred be ween me and other medical and para-medical staff and, to a lesser extent the administrative staff connot be attributed to person ality clashes; the term which is thrown about. It can be attributed to the fact that people's respective positions were not made clear when I first went to Normansfield."

He denied that he had alien-ated people who were keen to contribute to the well-being of Mr Otton said evidence had been given that conditions for Normansfield patients were

grandparents would stand out side the child's school just to

catch a glimpse, but then received solicitors letters

received solitations letters requesting them not to.

The Bill would allow for access to be applied for in a smaller and friendhier atmosphere. It has all-party support, and welfare officers have asked Mr Rhodes James

to consider extending its scope to other relatives, such as uncles and aunts, although he thinks that ni the first instance the Rill should be limited to

worse than those for black Africans in tospitals for the mentally handicapped in Rho-desia in the 1960s, "Have you ever known such a staggering other psychiatric hospital in vour experience?

Dr Lawlor replied : "It would be staggering if it were cor-

Mr Otton said it had been said drar during Dr Lawlor's tenure of office conditions at Normansfield were such that it was as if Dickets had come alive again in the 1970s. Dr Lawlor: "I put that re-

mark in the same category as a press report which described Normansfield as a 'workhouse' I reject it ". He agreed that people had

rold the inquiry that Normans-field was a dirty hospital with filthy wards. Patients had been described as dirty, smelly and with teeth in a fearful state of care. There were other allegations that patients were clothed in an undignified manner.

Dr Lawlor said that was no the picture the whole time he was at Normansfield. But he agreed that it was a fair description by the time he left. The inquiry continues today

Assurance on

Humberside

roadbuilding

Mr Rodgers, Secretary o State for Transport, climbed

that the Government had ever thought of subsidizing the run-ning of the £58.6m project when it is completed.

are largely due to inflation.

From Ronald Kershaw

Northern Industrial

Correspondent

Hull

In brief

Man's bail raised to £100.000

Lewis Altman, a London stockbroker, accused with others of currency offences involving the transfer of 300,000 shares in Peachey Properties, had his bail increased at Guildhall Jus-

tice-Rooms yesterday by £25,000 to £100,000.

Mr Ahman, aged 59. of Will-borough Road, Birchington, Kent, and Robert Carnes, aged 31, of Jameson Street, Kensing-ton, London, together with Lewis Altman & Co. Tricom-merce Ltd, and EIC Eurosecurities Ltd. whose managing director, Eric David Kohn, a'sn named in the charges, is said to be abroad, are all on trial summarily and has pleaded not guilty.
The hearing continues on January 23.

Life sentence soldier cleared

A young soldier jailed for life for murder after rivalry between two Scottish regiments had erupted into violence outside a German beer hall was cleared by the Court of Appeal vesterday.

yesterday. Private William Leslie Porter. aged 19, of the 1st Battalion, The Queeo's Own Highlanders, the Queeo's Own Highlanders, who was convicted at a court martial at Munster, West Germany, on September 17 last year of murdering an Arg. Il and Sutherland Highlander, had his conviction quashed and sentence set aside.

all press

Man sees killing of daughter

Mr John Baker, aged 82, of Mr John baker, aged \$2, 01 Berengrave Lane, Rainham, Kent, was forced to sit in a chair while intruders beat ins daughter to death on Sunday swaying carwalk to the top of the 500ft North Bank Tower of night, it was disclosed yesterday.

Another a bunt for the two masked raiders.

The men burst through the back door of the house and forced Mr Baker into a chair.

He was made to wareh as his. the Humber Bridge yesterday in a high wind that prevented bridgebuilders operating. He returned to earth to give an assurance that road pro-grammes supporting the bridge project would be completed in He was made to watch as his daughter Miss Violet Baker, aged 38, was viciously attacked. Nothing is believed to have been taken. time for the opening in March, 1979, and to dismiss suggestions

Broadmoor for knife attacker

That was the updated total cost five months ago. Another meeting of the Humber Bridge Board in about a month's time is expected to raise the figure. The cost was estimated at fil.6m when the project was approved in 1958. The increases are legally to inflation. Raymond Mckenzie Ander-son, of Nutbrook Street, Peckham, London, was committed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to Broadmoor after pleading guilty on the ground of diminished responsibility to Mr Rodgers pointed out yes-terday that as an advertisement for British bridge-building it the manslaughter of Mr Harry Hobbs, aged 75, and the malic-ious wounding of three other

was bound to pay off in export terms. It was, he said, "a mag-nificent structure and a tribute to British engineering". people.

The court was told that after his mental condition de-teriorated he bought two fish The bridge, near Hessle, on the north bank of the Humber five miles west of Hull, crosses gutting knives and sharpened the 10-inch blades because he to Barton-on-Humber. Its main span is 4,626ft (1,410 metres) which is the longest in the world, beating the Varrazano Narrows bridge in New York by 117 metres. said afterwards, he "wanted to leave scars". He went into the streets of Peckham with a knife in each hand.

Motorway ruling later Judgment was reserved in the High Court yesterday on

a move to quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment giving permission for the proposed M 40 and M42 motorway proposals on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Mr Desmond Wilcox

Mrs Paricia Rosemary Wilcox, wife of Mr Desmond Wilcox, a BBC executive of Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens. London, was granted a decree nisi in London yesterday he-cause of his adultery with Miss

Bill will help access Extension of adoption right of grandparents phone-in plan there was a divorce, or when grandparents had brought a child up but were then refused access by the parents. They had no legal right to access, The only course was to apply to the High Court, but that was a long and expensive business. Mr Rhodes James said he had heard of cases where grandparents would stand out By Our Social Services

Almost the first case with which Mr Robert Rhodes James had to deal after being elected Conservative MP for Cambridge Conservative MP for Cambridge last December was that of a couple who had been denied access to their grandchildren, whose parents had been killed. Apart from a wardship application to the High Court, which was far beyond their means and unlikely to succeed, they had no legal remedy. Mr Rhodes James saw that he had found a serious deficiency in family law that is a source

in family law that is a source of dee phuman anguish.

His Guardianship (Amendment) Bill, which he introduced into the Commons in July, would enable grandparents to apply to a magis-

parents to apply to a magis-trates' or county court for such access. The court's paramount concern would be the child's well-being.

Mr Rhodes James said yester-day that hundreds of cases had come to light since his first investigation. A national peti-tion in support of his Bill was no wheing circulated.

"The commonest case is "The commonest case is where one of the marriage

where one of the marriage partners dies, and the surviving one remarries. The new partner resents the first partner's parents, and decides to use the children as a weapon, refusing to allow them to see their grandparents", he said. It could also bappen when the next session.

the Bill should be limited to grandparents.

"It has been suggested to me that there should be a major revision of family law and the establishment of specialized courts. I appreciate the strength of the argument, but that is beyond the purposes of my Bill."

It is possible that the Government will amend the Government will amend the Guardianship of Minors Acts, 1971, and 1973 along the lines of Mr Rhodes James's Bill. If rhat is not possible, he says he will reintroduce the Bill at

Move to close loophole in law on choice of school

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

A loophole in the law is giving some parents an unfair advantage in choice of school. the education committee of the Association of County Councillors says in a report to be presented to the association's executive council tomorrow.

Several county councils have reported to the association cases of parents who, having refused to take up a place at a school allocated to them, have appealed unsuccessfully under section 68 of the 1944 Education Act to the Secretary of State to intervene on their behalf, but then succeeded in getting the school of their choice through the Secretary of State's inter-vention under section 37.

Section 68 enables the Secre-tary of State, on receiving a complaint to direct a local edu-cation authority in the performance of its duties where he or she is satisfied that the authority or the school gov-ernors have acted, or are proposing to act, unreasonably.
Parents complaints that their
child is being sent to an inap-

propriate school do not often satisfy the requirement of unreasonableness by the local authority. But if the parent then refuses to send his child to the school allocated to him the local authority may, under section 37, serve a school attendance order, but must give the parent an opportunity of selecting the school.

If the authority feels that the

If the authority feels that the school chosen is unsuitable, or would involve unreasonable expense, it may apply to the Secretary of State for a direction determining what school is to be named.

In several cases the Stores tary of State has directed than the school named in the order must be that originally requested by the parent. That gives those parents an unfair advantage, the association's education committee says.

The association's executive council is expected to ratify the education committee's call for amending legislation. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education, is known to be sym-

Damages for Lord Foot

Lard Foot, chairman of the United Kingdom Immigrant Advisory Service, and Mr John Emals, its full-time director, accepted undisclosed damages and costs yesterday in settlement of a High Court libel action against Private Eye, the satirical magazine. Saturcai magazine.
Mr Charles Gray, their counsel, toki Mr Justice O'Connor that they had brought the action to "clear their names of series of nasty insimuations. Esther Rantzen.

Crossman diaries reflect royal love of wrestling

By Alan Hamilton One of the Queen's favourite sports is all in wrestling, the late Richard Crossman discloses in the third volume of his revealing Cabinet diaries, published yesterday.

published yesterday.

Mr Crossman, then Secretary of State for Social Services, hastens to explain that her entinsiasm extends only to the television screen. He describes a Privy Council meeting at which the Queen, writhing, twisting, turning, and relaxed, graphically reenacted a bout she bad seen the night before, at which the Duke of Edinburgh had been present.

"Do you want a royal

"Do you want a royal charter for them?" Mr Crossman inquired. "No, not yet", the Queen replied.

Mr Crossman ever the intellectual edition and edition does not yet the intellectual edition losse admirted the confidence of the co republican, later admitted that he and the Queen were uncomfortable in one another's company, as were the other leading Cabinet republicans, Mrs Barbara Castle and Mr Roy Jenkins. Not so Sir Harold

"He is a steady loyalist and. roughly speaking, it is true that it is the professional classes who in this sense are radical and the working class socialists, who are by and large staunchly renarchist." Two of the staunchest working class loyalists of the time were Mr Callaghan and Mr Fred (now Lord) Peace.

Lord) Peart. But the Prime Minister of the day apparently did not have the same unqualified admira-tion for the man who was destined to succeed him. In May, 1968, after Mr Callaghan had made a particularly forward speech to the firemen's union, Sir Harold confided to the discist: "That fellow's getting above himself. We must

Some months later Six. Harold was convinced that Mr. Callaghan was plotting against him to create a position favourable to his succession to the leadership. "He is inordinately

ambitious and inordinately weak,", the Prime Minister told Mr Crossman. "So weak that as Chancellor he used to weep on chancenor he used to weep on my shoulder and then go away and intrigue against me."

Mr. Crossman's own view of the future leader of the party is kinder; in 1969 be wrote that Mr. Calleghan, Mrs. Castle and Sir Harold were the only and Sir Catioghan, Mrs Castle and Sir Harold were the only people of any stature in the Cabinet. Although exhausted and nearly physically broken by his term as Chancellor. Mr Callagian recovered to make an calaggian recovered to make an ourstanding job of the Home Office, presenting himself as a plain-style man of the people who would have no nonsense, and openly challenging the position of Sir Harold.

"Iim can be two-faced, but his fault is perhaps that he does far too much talking for a really successful Machiavellian politician, nound the ampling

really successful Machiavellian politician, round the smoking room, round the smoking room, round the test room, dashing away with all the boys."

The diaries reveal that it was Sir Harole's original intention to exclude Mr Callaghan from his "amer Cabinet", although he was finally persuaded otherwise. There was almost universal traits for the Home Secretary's handling of the early stages of the Ulster crisis and the sending in of British trooms, the only dissenter was Sir Harold, who was apparently most unwilling to give Mr

most unwilling to give Mar Callaghan the credit.
Mr Crossman is more generous. He describes Mr Callaghan's Ulster visit of September, 1969, as the only successful displanatic episode in these fire persons of Jesour

in these five years of a Labour government, a one-man suc-Calleghan and Crossman were two of a kind. "So here we have Jim, the one man who stands up to the Prime Ministands up to the Frime Minster because his loyalty is not in question, the two big old mention to speak.

The Diaries of a Cubinet Minister, Vol. 3. 1968-1970, by Richard Crossman (Hemish Hamilton, Josephan Cape, £12-50).

Mr Ennals leaves hospital to be a 'good neighbour' Social Services Correspondent Mr Engals, Secretary of State

for Social Services, is expected to leave hospital today after four days' observation for a suspected thrombosis in the leg. His first official engagement will be to serve lunches to ciderly and disabled people at a day centre in Wandsworth, London, before renewing nationally his "good neighbour campaign" in the afternoon.

Air Ennals's department declined yesterday to discuss

that it was not as serious as thought when he was affaithed to Westminster Hospitalist. Friday. He is expected to fulfil engagements only in London for a time, and will not travel to Harrogate as planned tomorrow to take part in a discussion on policy for the elderly at the Age Concern conference. His place will be taken by Mr Deakins. Under-Secretary of State for Social Security. Mr Ennals's lunch-serving

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several being undertaken by de-partmental ministers to support the reduncing of the good neighbour campaign. He is sche-

neighbour campaign. He is scheduled to serve lunch from a wheelchair, help with the washing up and then sit in at the day centre's information room, answering inquiries from elderly and disabled people.

Mr Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled, is cautre's information room, due to read a morning newspaper to an elderly woman with failing eyesight in North Peckman, before going to Bermondser to shop for a pensioner. Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, will mend a tap for a pensioner in Camden Town.

handicapped people. Today Mr Deakins is due to accompany on his round a milkman who on his round a milkman who keeps watch on elderly and

Poisonous waste left in street for 28 months

of dangerous industrial waste was left parked in a Wolverposing a hazard for children,

of the acid might have found its way into drinking supplies. Two companies and two men all admitted depositing poison-ous industrial waste liable to

The Aqua Descaling Company, of Wolverhampton, was fined a total of £2,000 with £1,000 costs and the Metro Waste Disposal Company, also of Wolverhampton, £2,250 with £500 costs. Ronald McCrum, aged 42, of Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire, was given a 12-month sentence, suspended for

Mr John Field-Evans, QC. Leicestershire, was given a 12for the prosecution said some
of the acid might have found
its way into drinking supplies.
Two companies and two men
all admitted depositing poisonous industrial waste liable to
cause an environmental hazard.

Leicestershire, was given a 12month sentence, supported for
two years, with a £400 fine.

A lorry containing 47 drums

hampton street for 28 months, it was stated at Wolverhampton Crown Court yesterday.

Mr John Field-Evans, QC,

Councils in the North-east to lobby for 'fair deal'

the North, with the county of the North, with the country of A draft constitution drawn Cumbria switching its sights up by chief officers of the five towards the North-west rather countries will be considered by than the North-east. The overall situation is significant for the Government because opposition from many northern MPs to Scottish devo-

lution was instrumental in defeating the last Bill. northern region counties, Northumberland, Tync and Wear and Durham, are sup-porting a proposed northern counties association to provide a powerful lobby for a high unemployment area which fears that Scottish devolution would siphon off an unfair share of government aid. The support of Cumbria and Cleveland, the other two counties that make up the Gov-ernment's definition of the

northern region, is less likely. Cumbria will akmost certainly stay out. The county council is

month and is setting up its

With reference to new devolution proposals for Scotland and Wales expected in the Queen's speech on Thursday, local authorities in the North-east are forming a "political muscle" group to secure a fair deal for their area.

The move is accompanied by a realignment of loyalties in the North, with the county of A draft constitution drawn.

during the next few weeks.

Lord Ridley, chairman of the

Conservative-controlled Northumberland County Council, told me he supported the idea because the North-east needed Leaders of three of the five a combined voice in view of threats posed to it by Scottish devolution.

The new body could provide such a forum without the necessity for some sort of elected regional government. He thought the three counties of the "old North-east" could operate together successfully even if Cumbria and Cleveland stayed out.
The formation of the new body and probable withdrawal of Cumbria has posed questions.

of Cumbria has posed questions about the future of the North of England Development former journalist and director in Council, which spends more of the NEDC, whose operations about the region, with a £250,000 the region, with a £250,000 annual government grant and af200,000 subscribed by the five not see any serious threat to counties. Its chairman is Lord counties. Its chairman is Lord the development council, asthough Cumbrie's withdrawal would be regretted. He thought poised already to withdraw than £400,000 a year promoting from the half government the region, with a £250,000 financed North of England De annual government grant and releasement Council later this £200,000 subscribed by the five

Regional report

John Chartres Newcastle upon Type

Cumbria has been paying £27,000 a year to the NEDC and £5,000 a year as a member of the North-west Industrial Development Association.
Cumbria councillors often say
that they "get nothing out of "
the NEDC. Councillor George Fishburn, the Labour leader of Durham

recently, was also reported recently as saying that he would pull out of NEDC "morrow", but emphasized that that was his personal view and not that of the council.

Lord Ridley said the new body and the NEDC could be commentary although he complementary, although he thought the NEDC's role should be redefined, with less as part of the North west involvement in politics and a rather than the North. involvement in politics and a bigger concentration on promo-

would be regretted. He thought

a misunderstanding about Dur-ham's attitude had been cleared up. Lord Glenamara issued a

Lord Glenamara issued a statement recently asking Cumbria County Council to "think again" and saying it would be a tragedy if it left the NEDC. A recommendation that it should do so is due to be ratified by the full countril on November 16. In his paper presented to Cumbria's finance and priori-ties committee last week Mr Naylor said that despite many Naylor said that despite many genuine efforts to regard. Cumbria as "part of the fam-ity" the people in the Northeast historically and in other ways regarded the county as an appendage rather than an integral part of the region.
The finance and priorities committee, which reaffirmed its opposition to say form of elected regional government is to recommend the county to press for Cumbria to be regarded as a "subregion" for

government planning, and if that fails, for it to be regarded At present some central government agencies and nationalized industries covering Cumbria operate from Newcastle upon Type and Manchester, and the county has felt at a disadvantage from the regional planning point of view ever since it was created out of the old Cumberland, West-

morland and parts of Lanca

WEST EUROPE

French police looking with envy at the resources enjoyed by their West German counterparts

From Our Owr Correspondent

the last of three safebreakers breakers, a policeman opened whose attempt on the station up with his machine gun in at Fontenay-le-Fleury, Yvelines, the direction of the firing and last Friday led to police gun-killed another inspector. fire in which one police officer was killed and another serious-ly wounded. breakers, when they were arrested, were unarmed. Two

two other incidents in which victed burglars out of prison French police officers were on short leave passes. shot and wounded. At Toulouse two police superinten organization immediately pro- room as prisoners and at least dents were hit while giving tested that prison leave was half of the police stations date chase to a member of an too easy to obtain and often from the first half of the last

The tragic incident at Fon-tenay could be a case in point.

The police were called to the Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the shorting clubs. station where the safebreakers were at work. There was dense fog 50 they split into three groups and moved in on the

Algeria to

France has been increasing

diplomatic pressure on Algeria

to do more to secure the release of the French hostages held by

the Polisario rebels in the Western Sahara. Yesterday President Giscard d'Estaing

sent a personal message to President Boumediene through

M Guy de Commines, the French Ambassador to Algeria.

than an hour with the President

explaining the message and

seeking to convey the urgency felt in France over the affair.

He made it clear that France

would be rejuctant to use its troops, now on stand-by alert, to intervene in Mauritania, but underlined the need for more

to be done in Algeria to locate

and free the hostages.

The failure of the International Red Cross to make con-

ract so far with any competent authority was mentioned, and

The ambassador spent more

Suddenly there was a burst The campaign by the police of fire that wounded one instanton has so far taken the It was founc that the safe-

ly wounded. arrested, were unarmed.

On the same day there were of them were found to be convicted burglars out of prison

chase to a member of an armed gang they were rounding up. In Paris an inspector was hit during a roof-top gum fight with a gang trying to escape after a raid on a jew-eller's shop.

These incidents have coincided with a campaign by one of the main police unions, the Syndicar Général de la Police, to draw attention to the undermanning and working conditions of the force.

The tragic incident at Fontenay could be a case in point.

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To easy to obtain and often from the first half of the last century. At Bobigny in Seine-St Denis, the police station is equipped with two 20-year-old the incident occurred because the police groups moving in on the station were inadequately equipped to keep in touch with each other. Moreover they of the union, says: "The is that the criminals they were armed.

The tragic incident at Fontenay could be a case in point.

West German industrialist, The union wants to see a have been noticing with envy stronger force better equipped the range of equipment and in more pleasant police stations resources of their German and integrated into the town

The campaign by the police Paris, Oct 31 of fire that wounded one instunion has so far taken the Police in Versailles today pector. Believing it must have form of a leaflet being pushed took in a man they believe is come from one of the safe- through two million letter the last of three safebreakers breakers, a policeman opened boxes in the Paris area. It says that there are now fewer police on the beat than there were five years ago-for example there are only 21 on day-time duty in the Sixth Arron-dissement compared to 24 in

> In 15 out of 20 districts. on short leave passes. members of the public have to
> The police superintendent's be interviewed in the same



Held in Hamburg, left: Hans-Jürgen Wilsdorf; held in London: Jürgen Petersen.

German held who is 26, was detained at his divorced wife's flat. The boy who was kidnapped on September 17, Felix Wessel, was the nephew of Ulrich Wessel, a terrorist killed when over kidnap

By Our Foreign Staff Jürgen Petersen, a 25-year-old West German sought in connexion with the kidnapping of a four-year-old boy in Hamburg last month, was detained in Reichard, of the German police, London on Sunday night by officers of Scotland Yard's London hotels.

extradition squad. He was found at a hotel in Craven Road, Bayswater.

alped by inspector reter Reichard, of the German police, had spent several days checking bad spent several days checking to the Royal Eagle Hotel on Thursday afternoon under the name of Royal Factor and the several days checking the

At about the same time, the West German police in Ham-burg arrested Hans-Jürgen nothin Wilsdorf in connexion with the kidnapping. Herr Wilsdorf, said.

the West German Embassy in Stockholm was attacked in April, 1975. A ransom of £260,000 was paid for the boy's The arrest in London came after Scotland Yard officers,

helped by Inspector Peter Reichard, of the German police, had spent several days checking

Peter Jensen. According to hotel staff he "looked shabby", but nothing more was heard of him. "He was a quiet guest", one

He did not eat or drink in the hotel and he received neither visitors nor telephone calls.
"He certainly was not flashing

money around."
Yesterday morning two
Special Branch detectives called at the hotel and showed the staff some photographs. One member of the staff thought she recognized Herr Petersen, but

he was out. When he returned to the hotel in the afternoon, a telephone call was made and the two detectives, accompanied by the

German police officer, returned to the hotel. They went to Herr Petersen's room, made the arrest and led their prisoner, who was in hand-

cuffs, to a waiting police car. The police also took away a 3.5 litre Rover coupé left in the hotel car park.

proved difficult with traffic on three-lane motorways taking up to three hours to cover the first 30 miles. Traffic jams were also bad in the provinces, especially so-th of Orleans and near Le Mans.

tionally to the cemetery to honour their dead. M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, has set up a free bus service this year inside the city's buge

given to motorists to avoid natures for an Amnesty petition trouble, is suggesting that in a public place without pertrouble, is suggesting that in a public place without per-people should not try to make mission, using abusive language, the journey back until Wednes- and creating a public distur-

French press | Britain may cut more Scandinavian flights find hostages

By Arthur Reed From Our Own Correspondent Paris, October 31

Copenhagen.
In reply, the British Government ruled that the Scandinavian airline SAS could not fly into Glasgow airport, but must use Prestwick instead, and that on its Copenhagen-Manchester-Dublin service it could no longer pick up fare-paying pas-sengers at Manchester for Dublin, ner at Dublin for Man-

chester. It is unusual for such a dis-pute to reach the stage where air services are interfered with. Efforts to settle it can be ex-pected at diplomatic level in both London and Copenhagen. The speculation in London authority was mentioned, and last night was that the Government would be prepared to curtail services by SAS still farther if the Danes did not allow the British airline to

Air Correspondent
A dispute between Britain and Denmark over air services led to the cutting back of certain flights yesterday.

British Midland, the Derbybased independent airline, has been told by the Danes that it cannot open a new route to Copenhagen.

The British case rests on the fact that the service which British Midland wanted to Start from Birmingham with the first flight due to leave yesterday, is allowed for in the Britain and Denmark.

British Midland received a licence to operate it from the Copenhagen. The British case rests on the

Civil Aviation Authority in London two years ago and decided in September to put in into use. Approval from the Danish Government was expected to be a formality, and the zirline went ahead with advertising and the opening of a sales office in Copenhagen.

Mr Michael Bishop, manag-ing director of British Midland, said yesterday that they had spent about £30,000 on setting up the service and had already taken 100 bookings.

Copenhagen, Oct 31.-The Danish Government was awaiting a British response today to its call for negotiations to settle the dispute. Mr Kjeld Olesen, the Danish Minister of Transport, said: "There is no other way out of this except negotiations".—AP.

Dutch kidnappers 'amateur criminals' police believe Amsterdam, Oct 31.-The that although a political motive

ponce sato.

Mr Caransa, aged 61, was
bundled into a car soon after
he left his bridge club in
central Amsterdam early last

to be members of the Baader-Meinhof Red Army group have said they were responsible, but police are treating it as a criminal rather than a political

kidnapping A Government

Amsterdam, Ocr 31.—The kidnappers of Mr Maurits Caransa, a wealthy Dutch property dealer, remained silent today despite an appeal from his family to make contact.

Police said there had been no response so far to the appeal yesterday through the Dutch news agency ANP.

"We have heard nothing from the kidnappers and still don't know where Mr Caransa is being held or by whom", police said.

Mr Caransa, aged 61, was that although a political motive was not being ruled out, the was not being ruled out, the abduction was beginning to look like the work of "rather amateurish criminals".

Police denied a report in the Amsterdam daily De Telegraaf that they were concentrating their inquiries on groups of Yugoslavs living in Holland.

The paper also said the kidnappers escaped with their victim in a stolen red Fiat Polski car equipped with a 10-channel radio receiver and telephone. telephone.

Police confirmed that they were seeing a red Fiat stolen from a butcher at nearby Friday. Diemen who, as a volunteer Telephone callers claiming fireman, had installed communication equipment in the

deportation to a concentration camp during the Nazi occupation of Holland by going into hiding.—Reuter, UPI and AP.

16 sailors feared lost in Bay of Biscay storm

Brest, Oct 31.—Ten sailors were known to have drowned and six were missing today after the sinking of the Greek cargo ship Tina in the Bay of Biscay, the French Coastguard radio station reported.

Five members of the crew

were rescued from the stormy Atlantic but 10 bodies were also found. The ship sent out a distress

signal just after 5 am while 105 miles north-west of Corunna in

Four holidaymakers die in plane crash

Varese. Italy, Oct 31.-Four Swiss holidaymakers, including a child, were killed when their private aircraft on its way from Lugano to Venice, crashed into a wall near here and burst into flames, the police said.—

Historian to meet man said to be Hitler's son

Bonn, Oct 31.—Dr Werner children were born of unknown Maser, a German historian who fathers between 1917 and 1918. claims to have discovered a Another man, Mr Albert Leroy, French son of Adolf Hitler, left a railwayman, was once believed his home in Speyer, in the Rhineland today to see again the man he maintains Hitler had fathered when he was a soldier in France in 1918.

He refused to disclose where the meeting was to take place. The Sunday Times, which first published Dr Maser's claim, reported that the son, named Jean Lorret, lived "somewhere near the German border in northern France". The West German newspaper

Bild Zeitung said that he lived in St Quentin. The Paris newspaper L'Aurore said that he lives in Wavrin, near Lille. Dr Maser's claim was greeted with interest but some scepticism in Germany. "Did Hitler have a son?", asked the Essen newspaper Neue Ruhr Zeitung

on its front page.

The Bild Zeitung said:

"Lorret has an incurable sickness and knows he must die."

Mr Lorret's claim is also viewed sceptically by the popu-lation of Wavrin, where several



M Jean Lorret: Doubts

'Indian summer' traffic jams on French roads

with queues forming for the in the past year. No price lifts up to the runs at more freeze is expected, but it is than 6,000ft, where the snow likely that measures to reduce was of very good quality. This the cost of food distribution early start means that skiers will be considered by M should expect this year a Barre's "council of war." seven-month season.
Tomorrow families go tradi-

cemeteries, to help the elderly.
"Canny bison", the boy
scout code name for advice

day, if possible.

oy the fine weather the lingering Indian summer, French families have fled is that the "canny bison" at All Saints' holiday in the countryside. Traffic leaving Paris over the weekend was 40 per cent higher than for the same period last year. An estimated five million people went away.

Getting out of the controlled accident figures for the weekend are already heavy with 70 dead and 609 injured so far. The likehihood is that the "canny bison" advice will be in vain Work is to resume on Wednesday, M Bacre, the Prime Minister is likely to call a "council of war" of senior ministers on that day to tack the continuing flation. per cent over the year-0.2 per cent more than was pessimisti-cally expected and 3 per cent more than the target figure set by M Barre when be introduced his plan a year ago.

There was an early rush to The accelerating rise is larthe ski slopes round Tignes, gely due to food prices, which Val Thorens and Deux Alpes, alone have risen by 14 per cent alone have risen by 14 per cent in the past year. No price freeze is expected, but it is

Three Poles fined over Amnesty petition

Warsaw, Oct 31.—Three Polish members of Amnesty International hav ebeen fined the equivalent of £83 each by a Warsay court for collecting sigbance.--Reuter.



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Rhodesian guerrilla leaders give Lord Carver cold shoulder in surprisingly brief discussions

over an hour. They had been British spokesmen had intended to extend over two indicated that Lord Carver

pendence, went into the meetg having already publicly jected Lord Carver's proposed le as commissioner-designate role as commissioner-designate for Rhodesia. After the talks, Mr Nkomo reported: "I said that Lord Carver has (proposed) powers that no person on this globe has ever had." Lord Carver, at his side, listened impassively.

Under the peace proposals, Lord Carver would be all Nkono have insisted that they powerful in Reodesia during a six-month interim period leading to free elections. A joint fer of power to blacks have statement after roday's meeting been settled.

Tax rise in

Israel sets

strike

majocity.

off 24-hour

Tel Aviv, Oct 31.—Airport, dock and factory workers staged a 24-hour strike today

in protest against the Govern-ment's economic reforms, aising the sales tax and devaluing the Israeli pound.

In Jerusalem, the Knesset opened a debate on the reforms which were announced on Friday. The Communist Hadash Party was to introduce a motion of no-confidence that was doomed to failure because of the 78-seat government

The walkout by maintenance men of El Al, the Israeli air-line, left 2,500 passengers stranded at Ben-Gurion airport,

Histadrut, the trade union federation, threatened a general strike to protest against the 25 per cent rise in fuel prices, reduced government

ubsidies on basic foods and an

ncrease from 8 to 12 per tent This time the unrest began in the work places". Mr Gideon Ben-Israel, head of the

Histadrut's strike coordinating committee, said. "We are

under very strong pressure from the workers to take much

At the banks, which opened after a day's delay, the pound rate to the United States dol-lar was ser between 15.15 and

December.
In a broadcast interview yes-

terday, Mr Zbigniew Brze-zinski, President Carter's National Security Adviser, said

the conference could convene in January or February. Mr Allon said that although "bis-of

During the weekend he said he

Sources close to the Sadat

delegation in Teheran said Mr Sadat also planned to spend

time with Iranian officials dis-

Mr Sedat was to begin talks

President Carter on November

Saudi Arabia.

of Geneva talks delay

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Oct 31
Mr Yigal Allon, the former Israeli Foreign Minister, said here this morning that he found American officials more optimistic than he was that the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference might reconvene within the forseeable future. He noted with approval that they no longer seemed to attach such importance to starting the conference in December.

The Israeli Prime Minister which he said showed flexibility on Israel's future boundaries.

However, he said firmly that conce negotiations with the Arabs reached the point at which firm proposals could be ready to give up most of their 1967 conquests.

Mr Alon, who is here to attend a meeting of the World Iewish Congress.

the conference could convene in January or February. Mr Allon said that although "bistorically" it was important to press ahead with the conference, it was better to give polited out are merely case-fire lines, not international before bringing them together. He refused to criticize Mr Begin's Government directly, which was spoken of granting Israel "minor to the 1967 borders (which Mr Allon pointed out are merely case-fire lines, not international boundaries). For Mr Allon, it all depends what is meant by minor ", and he said, "I search by minor adjustments".

more extreme moves.

would say everything he had to sion. "We don't recognize Lord say in three minutes. But he Carver as a Commissioner-took a little longer."

designate ", Mr Gumbo said. Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo,
who head the Patriotic Front
fighting for Rhodesia's independence, went into the meetpendence, went into the meetpendence, went into the meetpendence, went into the meetpendence, went into the meetpendence went i

Tord Carver arrived in Tanzania earlier in the day and had talks with President Nyerere, a leader of the five African "front line" states in the confrontation with Rhodesia Diplomats said that Britain appeared to have misjudged the mood of the nationalists. Both Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo have insisted that they will not accept a ceasefire until all other details of the trans-

pleted in recept months.

Recent contracts include one achieved by Vosper-Thorny-croft who are to overhaul the

croft who are to overnaul the Egyptian Navy's aging Russian-built missile boats. Still more important is the deal under which British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce are helping to re-furbish the Egyptian Air Force's MiG-21 aircraft.

for the Hawk jet trainer air-craft and the other for the

Mr Allon, who is here to attend a meeting of the World Jewish Congress, denounced

the joint American-Soviet statement which mentioned the "legitimate rights" of the

"legitimate rights" of the Palestinians, but without heat.

Dar es Salaam, Oct 31.—Black Rhodesian guerrilla leaders today cold-shouldered the top British soldier named to lead the country to majority black rule under Anglo-American peace plans.

Talks between Field Marshal Lord Carver and the nationalist leaders Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe lasted just over an hour. They had been said only that there had been an exchange of views and an agreement to meet later but that no date was set. The Dar es Salaam meeting that no date was set. The Dar es Salaam meeting in five years of hostilities. The Prem Chand, the United Nations special representative for the impending arrival of the British and United Nations envoys.

Lord Carver and General to the special process of the British and United Nations envoys.

Lord Carver and General to the special process of the British and United Nations envoys.

A guerrilla spokesman told reporters: "They lasted longer than we expected. We thought Lord Carver, as a military man, would say everything he had to say in three minutes. But he

Zambia, a principal base for guerrillas led by Mr Nkomo, went on a war footing with Rhodesia in Msy. Until this weekend the worst cross-border weekend the worst cross of action incident had occurred at Chirundu, north of Lake Kariba, in July when a Rhodesian frontier post was reported to have been subjected to a 10-hour bombardment Zambia.

The military command here said that the Zambian Army unleashed a mortar, machine gun and small arms attack over the Zambezi on a police and army post at Kazungula just after midnight on Saturday..... Reuter.

craft seemed likely to win the

It is because of this that President Carter would be happy to see Britain or France supplying Egyptian needs as long as these do not entail upsetting the balance in the Middle East. The United States would find it almost impossible to help the Egyptians on the same scale because of its com-

practice'

mer prisoners.

in Morocco

By Our Foreign Staff

Torture appeared to be a routine practice of security police in Morocco during the

interrogation of political pris-oners, Amnesty International

reported yesterday. This was indicated by the consistency of

reports by victims, their rela-tives, lawyers, doctors and for-

Torture was inflicted " mainly

detainees, but also to extract

confessions and gain informa-tion about their political activi-ties and associates ", the report

said.

In July, 1977, there were more than 200 political prisoners in Morocco who had been tried and sentenced, and several hun-

dred more detained without trial, the report added.

Morocco (Amnesty International, 8-15 Southampton St., London, WC2E 7HF; 40p).

Egypt looks to Britain

to meet arms needs



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the island of Mustique on Sunday with Princess Margaret and Mr and Mrs Colin Tennant, the former owners of the islands.

Royal visit marred by downpour

which began today. Because of flooded roads, many people fly the Concorde which will flooded roads, many people who had planned to travel to Bridgetown, the capital, to watch her arrival in the royal yacht were unable to do so

Some outdoor events were moved because of the mud.

The rain caused power cuts time to fity over the royal yacht, some 35 miles off Barthroughout the island. Tourists who had left outlying hotels hast night to eat in the town had been slightly worried by a small dip in the airport runetranded. Water poured way which, they thought, through the roof of one of the night complicate the landing island's lucary houels. Many schools chosed.

schools closed.

In spice of transport difficulties, however, more than a reaction. Nothing untoward the simple of transport difficulties, however, more than a reaction. Nothing untoward happened, however, as the Concorde made a noisy entrance to the applause of the

An inspection inside the air-craft revealed that the Queen will pravel in less luxurious style than that to which she is

Wives appeal: In a telephone call from Moscow yesterday Mrs Irina Ginsburg and Mrs

Mrs Irina Ginsburg and Mrs
Irina Orlov the wives of two of
imprisoned members of a Moscow group monitoring the Helsloki agreement appealed to
Westera Governments to speak
out publicly at the Helsinki
follow-up conference in Belgrade about their husbands
and other imprisoned members
Up to now it has been Westeru policy to mention individual human rights cases only in
parvate.

accustomed. Modifications have craft for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. One of the rows has been turned round and a table placed in front of it, to make a four-seat dining

A number of seats in the rear have been removed, reducing capacity from 100 passengers to 45. This was partly to offset the sircraft's tendency to be heavy towards the tail, and partly to save final

Prince's tour of America ends with

San Francisco, Oct 31.—An anonymous threat against the Prince of Wales delayed his departure for Sydney last night by nearly two hours.

The scheduled flight by Qantas Airlines departed after a check was made on the 300 passengers in the Boeing 747 jumbo jet and all luggage on hoard was inspected.

phone threat

jumbo jet and all luggage on board was inspected.

Mr John Dauth, a spokesman for Prince Charles, said the threat had been telephoned to the San Mateo county sheriff. He did not elaborate. American State Department officials assigned to guard the Prince would not confirm that a threat had been made, although they indicated that precautions were taken before the airliner took off.

Prince Charles was ending a

Prince Charles was ending a 12-day visit to the United States during which he attracted the attention of scores of eager young ladies, including Miss Pamela South, a performer with the San Francisco Opera Company, when he met backstage contest to a misdemeanour after a Saturday performance.
She told reporters that she
had waited for years to tell the
Prince that they shared birth
days—November 14—and the Prince told her they should get

of aggressive new stance by guerrillas From Eric Marsden

Pretoria fear

Johannesburg, Oct 31
Military experts were today
studying reports of the weekend clash with a black guerrilla force on the Angola-Namihis barder, amid speculation bia border, amid speculation that the South-West Africa Peoples' Organization (Swape) may be adopting a more aggressive policy.

The guerrillas had been

fairly passive for a year and almost always sought to avoid clashes with South African forces in the Angola border area. in the last few weeks, though, there has been a rash of skirmishes, sometimes several in a day, culminating in the 36-hour weekend battle in which, according to South Africa, 61 black insurgents and A defence spokesman in Pretoria said it was not known
why Swapo had suddenly
decided to send 80 men across

the border. They had never crossed it such numbers before. Then, he suggested, the guerrillas may have found they had got into a fight that was not easy to break off.

An editorial in the Johannes-burg Star said that without a South African military pre-sence "the guerrillas, armed to the teeth with modern wea-ponry, would invade the commy in large numbers dur-ing the transition period." in Namibia.

This would leave Namibia's An editorial m the Johannes

This would leave Namibia's incoming Government at the mercy of the guerrilla forces and a negotiated settlement with the West's blessing would not be worth the paper it was The editorial is evidence of

the agreement among politi-cians of both parties about external threats to the security of South Africa and Namibia. Knowing that it has the sup-port of all the white voters for port of all the whate voters for its rough anytude on the external threat, the Government is expected to harden the tough line it has aiready taken on Namibia and Rhodesia. It is already being harted that South African cooperation on a Rhodesia settlement and negotiating Namibia's independents will depend on the outcome of the United Nation Security Council debate on the same

Council debate on the sanctions to be imposed on the republic.

If the emphasis at the United Nations is on economic sanctions, South Africa is emphasizing that side-effects will be felt not only by the United States and European countries with fragile economics, but by African states that rely on South Africa economically while attacking it politically. These include Mozambique, Botswara, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia.

Ex-CIA chief sentenced

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director, pleaded "no contest" to a misdemeanour charge of failing to give a Senate committee full answers in 1973 about the CIA's role in Chile, the Justice Department said today. He received a suspended minimum sentence. together next year to celebrate together.

Miss South said afterwards with a sigh: "He's so eligible recurity risk of bringing him to trial on a felony charge.—UPI.

Emigré praise for Helsinki pact

position of various minority nations in the USSR".

nations in the USSR."

But however much of a fiasco detente had been for them personally, the East European emigres were in the

European emigrés were in the main convinced that, as one Czech put it, things would be worse without it. A common view, well put by Mr Leszek Kolakowski, the Polish Marxist philosopher now lecturing at Oxford, was that the Helsinki agreement had encouraged East Europeans to voice their human rights.

By Henry Standope
Defence Correspondent
Britain is on the brink of becoming Egypt's most important arms supplier in the West, with the general approval of the United States.
Sources in London last night denied reports of a forthcoming multi-millian pound Anglo-Egyptian arms package, and there is still a great deal of uncertainty. But prospects are now looking brighter for a number of negotiations which have been continuing for several years between British firms and President Sadat's Government and one or two others have been quietly completed in recept months.

Recent contract.

The Egyptians are certainly anxious to make use of Western expertise to fill the gap left when President Sadat broke away from his Soviet suppliers. A shortage of spares has crippled much of the Russian equipment, and Western technology is now being urgently sought to put this equipment back into service.

The success of President Sadat's moderate policies could well depend upon whether he can put this equipment into working order, since many in the Egyptian armed forces are still critical of the split with the Soviet Union.

It is because of this that President Carter would be harded to president Carter would be and the source of the split with the scoviet Union. By Our Diphomatic Staff
A majority of emigre dissidents from East Europe believe that the Helsinki Final Act has produced some tangible results in human rights, an inquiry conducted by the magazine Index on Censorship suggests. But exiled Russians like Andrei Amakrik and Vladimir Bukuwalar were constilike Andrei Amalrik and Vladimir Bukovsky were conspicuously much more pessimistic.
All those questioned, however, were unanimous in commending President Carter's
stand on human rights.

Mr Amalrik, the historian
and author of Will the Soviet
Union Survive Until 1984?
who now lives in Washington,
felt that for the West, the part
of the Helsinki agreement
covering human rights, cultural exchanges and freedom
of communication was a facesaving device that had enabled
the Soviet Union to make
shem concessions.

same scale because of its commitment to Israel and the powerful Jewish lobby in Washington.

Visit abandoned: The British with Westland Helicopters will reach a bappy conclusion by the end of the year, with Westland helping the Egyptians to set up their own production line to make up to 250 Lyng helicopters.

Uncertainty still surrounds two more attempts to establish production lines in Egypt, one for the Hawk jet trainer air.

Washington.

Washing

Force's MiG-21 aircraft.

Now there is a very real prospect that the long negotiations with Westland Helicopters will reach a happy conclusion by the end of the year, with Westland helping the Egyptians to set up their own production line to make up to 250 Lynx helicopters.

Same State in the long and the mitment to Israel and the powerful Jewish lobby in Washington.

Washington.

Visit abandoned: The British nuclear submarine Dreadnough thas given up waiting to pass through the Suez Canal and is on its way back through the Mediterranean, it was learnt last night. marine's planned visit to Iran, the Indian Ocean and the Far rate to the United States dollar was set between 15.15 and 15.50 pounds—a 45 per cent drop from the rate of 10.56 on by the Egyptians. But the prosof victory

drop from the rafe of 10.56 on Friday. The stock market remained closed for the second successive day and will reopen tomorrow.—UPI.

The stock market by the Egyptians. But the prost to enter the can petts for the Hawk look nought is returned a few months ago when the at the north enter the comorrow.—UPI. nought is returning to the North Ariantic, after waiting at the north end of the canal in mountains Nairobi, Oct 31 .- Somali insurgents say they smashed the Ethiopian Army's first offen-sive against them in the moun-tains of eastern Ethiopia at the Mr Allon welcomes US hint | Torture 'routine

Mogadishu radio quoted the guerrilla newspaper Danab as saying that 320 Ethiopian troops were killed and mne capture, in fierce fight-ing in the Babile region. It said the surviving Ethiopians fled, abandoning ammunition and other material.

Diptomatic sources in Ethiopia and Djibouti said that Soviet MiGs, tanks and rocket artillery and some Cuban advisers had been rushed to Harer and to Dire Dawa, which the guerrillas also want to

Danab elso said that in a separate clash the Somalis last week had killed 105 Ethiopian militiamen attempting to take a bridge on the vital rail line linking the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa with newly independem Djibouti. The fighting took place about 60 miles west of Dire

Somali claim Violent protests at Gandhi visit end in 600 arrests

mental hospital and labour camp and now lives in England, felr the West had, in exchange for dobious formulations, "made considerable and intolerable concessions, in particular by recognizing the status quo in Eastern Europe, the Baltic states and in the Wives appeal: In a telephone call from Moscow vesterday

Madras, Oct 31.—More than 600 people were arrested in six cities in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu at the weekend in violent demonstrations against the visit of Mrs Gandhi, the former Prime Minister. The state government has ordered a judicial inquiry into

the violence. Two people were killed when police opened fire on crowds in Madras, scene of the worst disturbances. At least 100 were burt in clashes end 15 injured policemen were taken to hos-

Mrs Gandhi's motor processiba was attacked at Madurai, 300 miles south of Madras, on Saturday. She was undust, though several supporters were injured in a hail of stones, bottles and shoes.

The demonstrations were organized by the Dravidian Welfiare League (DMK) which governed the state for nine years until it was dismissed by Mrs Gamble in January, 1976, and the internal constraints. nunder her inverted entengeits, under her inverted entengeits, laws. The DMK was supported by the Drawids Karlegein and the Marsist Communist Party of Julia

the Marnist Communist Party of ductia.

In Hyderabad today, Mrs Gandhi expressed sorrow at the death of the demonstrators, but told journalists that she was going ahead with plaumed visits to Karuataka and Andhra Pradesh starting tomogrow.

She said the Janata Government wanted to defame leaders of the former ruling Congress Party. "They want to get rid of me because they can't keep me quiet—Reuter.

Pakistan law'inhuman'

Karachi, Oct 31.—A group of 41 Pakisrani intellectuals called and sociel reorganization.
Mesowhile, the military
government announced in
lelamabed that it had reopened today for abolition of Islamic punishments such as amputation, introduced by the martial law authorities. to private investors some key industrial sectors outionalized They said such punishment was inhuman, and the aim of revenge by deterrence was our by the deposed Bhutto Govern-ment.—Agence France-Presse.

87,000 Soweto students boycott classes

Johannesburg, Oct 31.—Stu-dents in the black township of mary or elementary school Soweto defied a government pupils. Order to return to school roday Last week the Department of order to fetura to school rousy or lose the year. Principals Bantu Education and the said that their schools were Department of Information used aircraft to drop leaflets.

About 87,000 pupils were boyconting classes to protest against Bantu education. Enroughout South Africa about 300,000 black students are boycotting classes in the pro-

The boycott began in August seventh grade students were when 27,000 Soweto secondary prepared to take examinations school pupils walked out of —AP and Agence France-their classes. They were joined Presse.

Some students appeared at schools but left when they saw that a majority were continuing the beycott.

Shout 87 000 respite to the saminations today they would be saminations. have to repeat the school year. They blamed "intimidators" for the continuing boycott. Mr Jasp Strydom, the regional director of Bantu education in Johannesburg, said over the weekend that most

Begin's Government directly, "minor", and he said, and quoted a recent speech by want big minor adjustments" To village families, Cambodian leaders are remote and anonymous Mr Sadat tries to enlist with two rest periods. The agreed that it was with the front of his companions and. The worst days in his village attendance at the raily was children aged from 6 to 15 second crowing of the cock, was left in an unconficious began when bedraggled groups mandatory. For a month before finished their work day at 6 before dawn. They had to line, heap. Usually, the boy said, the of people, driven out of Purom. Hong Lok Heng began to nide punishment for stealing twist in the communist consecuted food twice a day, but was called and then they were spend a month or two with quest of the capital, began to garden, an act which is freelests. Adults assigned their day's work. With great difficulty and by removed only during working the villagers. Shah as emissary to US

afraid of the sea. He was only any and of their sheet would meet Cambodian subdiers. He and his sister gave the reasons for their fear of soldiers in a long Teheran, Oct 31.—President sion with Mr Sadat, the Sadat, of Egypt, arrived in Tesources said. heran today on the second stop of a three-nation tour aimed at bringing Arabs and Israelis to conversation through a sympa-thetic and patient interpreter. It was the first time, they said, that anyone had asked them to bringing Arabs and Israelis to make a presentation on his a peace conference in Geneva.

behalf in Washington regarding a peace conference in Geneva.

He flew to Teheran after the Ogaden conflict and the two days of talks with Presistruation in African countries tell of their lives.

situation in African countries dent Ceausesci in Bucharest, sharing borders with Egypt
During the weekend he said he
and Sudan in 1975 black-uniformed sol-diers had become the personifias a go-hetween with Mr
Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who met the Romanian leader two months ago.

Fran, like Egypt, has already shown its sympathies lie with Somakia in the Ogaden conflict. The Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely to be a six of the Shah was likely cation of authority in their lives, replacing perents, older brothers and sisters, teachers and buddhist monks. They lived in or near the same village as their parents, but were as separated from them as the rally more Western support for parents were from each other In Romania, Mr Sadat said most of the time.

Since the communist victory

time with Iranian officials discussing the Ogaden conflict in the Horn of Africa, as well as the situation in the Middle East. The visit was expected to last 1 day before he leaves for Saudi Arabia.

In Romana, Mr Sadar Saudi Cenusescu briefent Cenusescu briefent Cenusescu briefent Cenusescu briefent the Mr Begin. "The most important thing for me now is to make good preparation for the Geneva conference", he said. Khieng and Kuy worked in the same group but slept in different houses, Khieng with the boys and Kuy with the girls. Their father, Hong Lok Heng, slept with one of the men's groups and their mother, who was not strong enough to do "As I told President Ceau-Mr Sedat was to begin late with the Shah of Iran late to Geneva unless good preparations. The Shah is due to meet to Geneva unless good preparations are made, because to was not strong enough to do Kong province, a region that heavy field work, with the aged and feeble.

The adult groups worked started. Knieng and Kay about the bead with bicycle from 6 am to 10 pm every day, 15 and will be carrying with not want the conference to him the results of his discus- drag on for 25 years."—UPI.

were given half a small con-densed-milk can of food on each occasion and the children received a small bowl of food The contents were generally

the same: a soup of sweet potatoes, leaves from or the pulp of the trunks of beanna trees and a little rice. Sometimes, Khieng said, the soup tasted slightly of fish, but he was never lucky enough to

They were lucky, they said, that most of the time there was sait. Their village, Sre Ambel, is near the sea in Koh

in the paddy and sweet potato fields or in digging irrigation ditches and small dams, a national effort heavily emphasized by the Government in Phnom Penh. The boys' group was supervised by a woman Khiene and Kuy said most of their supervisors frightened them and the other children

by their harshuess and readiness to kick or whip them for His father and his brother the slightest cause. in-law, Roeung Chiay, said
they sometimes received a litting a girl, for reasons Kuy did the fish but it was always rotten. They recalled meat on the occasion of the Cambodian tercepted by a group of soltercepted by a group of sol-diers who split her belly open with a krife. The group leader, Kuy recalled with no sign of emotion, made all the girls view the disembowelled body.

removed only during working Weskened by their long devices routes, the two men march and cruelly mistreated, led their wives and children to

the obsideren, however. Asked who the leaders of Cambodia were, brother and sister answered with the names of their respective group chiefs and said they knew no one The children's father and

brother in law said they had heard two names as leaders of Cambodia, President Khien Sampiran and Pol Pot, the Prime Minister. They knew no others, they said, and never heard the voice or seen pictures of either of the leaders, nor of anyone higher than their district chief.

Their village had been under the control of the communist rebels since 1971, but life did not reach its present grimness until 1975. Hong Lor Heng

Politics were not presched to they were forced to perform hard and unaccustomed work hidden, with four sacks of on little food. Those who could sweet potatoes, jars of drink-stand it became very thin; ing water, some pots and their those who could not died like scant clothes.

hiefs files.

They set off late at night, the men and the younger launch was confiscated in 1975.

and Thinking even then of fleeing, had he traded his bicycle for a the rowing boat, which he consident cealed under water, changing arises in most accounts of the Pot, its hiding phase frequently. After he took his 25 year old may be the children from crying and giving away their pic-president Lon Nol, into his hiding phase.

their children, as everyone's Service.

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They set off late at night,

President Lon Nol, into his hiding place. confidence earlier that year, In the Cambudians case, this they decided to flee during the was repeated every day for postucal relly that would make seven days. The man said they the people of the distract on gave the youngstars pieces of sugar cline to said and the rice harvest.

They chose that occasion kissed them when they wanted because both couples would be to day and caressed them a briefly reunited and would see their children.

in China

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proclamations there.

for political

Peking, Oct 31.—At least 23 people have been executed in

the south-western Chinese city

of Kurming for mainly political crimes, according to court

Vietnamese hijackers' fate still undecided

Singapore, Oct 31.—Singapore said tonight it had not yet decided what to do with four decided west to uo with four-Vietnamese who bijacked an Air Vietnam aircraft here of Samrday after killing two mem-bers of its crew. A Govern-ment spokesman was comment-ing of Vietnamese new sports ing on Vietnamese news reports that Singapore intended to

return the hijackers. The spokesman said the reports were name and reiterated that, once investigations were finished, the four men would be dealt with under international laws and conven-tions. However, it is not clear whether Singapore has the legal right to try the hijackers for a crime committed over

Vietnam.

The Air Vietnam DC3 was seized minutes after it had taken off from Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) on a domestic flight. Soon afterwards the flight engineer and radio officer ware killed. officer were killed.

Foreign Ministry sources said the hijackers initially asked to stay in Singapore but were turned down and now are seek-ing asylum in the United States

or France.

The Singapore Government seems to be taking a tough stand against the hijackers, especially in view of the killing of the two crew men. How-ever, Singapore might still return the four to Vietnam, althought there is no extradition treaty between the two countries.

In Hongkong, captain Derry Pearce, president of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations, sent a message today to President Benjamin Sheares of Singapore asking that the provisions of The Hague and Montreal conventions on air piracy be strictly applied to the hijackers. He also sent a message to President Ton Duc Thang, of Victnam, saying that his federation was "ctively seeking the cooperation of all nations in an attempt to rid the world of crimes of violence against civil seriously injured his leg.-aviation."

Mr Trudeau retreats from his idea | Many die of nationwide vote on Quebec

Ottawa, Oct 31

Mr Trudeau has opened a Mr. Trudezu has opened a need to equip the federal authohorners' nest with the announce rity with the "tools" it may said.
inent nearly two weeks ago that require to counter the Parti Mor
the Government was considering Québécois Government's sira guere its own referendum on the question of Quebec's separation from Canada.

Canadians are still trying to digest the implications of the Prime Minister's unexpected statement. In the meantime, Mr Trudeau has been doing some back-pedalling.

After first telling the Comoons that the Government intended to introduce legislation that would permit a referendum, he modified this to say the enabling legislation would be introduced "if we get the cooperation of the opposition parties". The federal opposi-tion parties have taken a waitand-see attitude.

Mr Trudesu also raised the possibility that the special vote might be held in Quebec only, rather than Conada as a whole as he at first intimated. At no time has the Prime Minister formally committed himself to holding a referendum, either on the Quebec issue or on other constitutional matters that the

cover.

tegy or trying to achieve Quebec independence through a referen-The result of all this has been confusion as to just what Mr Trudezu does heve in mind and the strength of his determinaeion to achieve it. There is speculation that the Prime Minister made his referendum announcement under the influence of M Marc Leionde, his minister for federal-provincial relations.

Ar most, only a few Cabinet ministers were involved in whatever discussions took place before the Prime Minister's Commons statement.

Now Mr Trudesu is planning visits to the 10 provincial premiers, including Mr Rene Lévesque of Quebec, for talks

enabling Tegislation would federation drew a predictable response. "It's up to the Rather, he talks about the Quebec people to decide the seed to equip the federal author future of Quebec." Mr Levesque

More surprising and perhaps more significant, the opposition parties in the provincial assembly, all federalist, rallied the principle of Quebec's right to decide its own future. .

Mr Lévesque used historical precedent to back up his argument. When Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949, he noted, it was on the basis of a referendum in which only the Newfoundland people took part. The whole idea of a federal referendum has negative connotations in Quebec. During the Second World War, a plebiscite was held on whether military conscription should be imposed in Canada.

Quebec voted premiers, including Mr Reme Lévesque of Quebec, for talks on constitutional and other questions. His thoughts on a referendum will probably be further refined as a result. In Quebec City, the suggestion that Canadians as a whole might be polited on the question of Quebec's place in constitutions in Canada that still lingers.

Italian climber killed in Himalayas fall

Katmandu, Oct 31.—An Italian Himalayan expedition twice climbed the 24,763ft Annapurna 3 peak, but lost its deputy leader on October 23, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry

announced today.

The expedition's two groups were not using oxygen and took the most dangerous route, the

ministry said.
While descending, Luigino Henry, aged 36, slipped 300 yards and fell into a deep crevasse, being killed instantly.
Another member of the team

Round the world in 54 hours

Pan American World Airways

Boeing 747 carrying 150 paswhich had been advantaged, sengers landed here last night which had been advertised as the chance of a lifetime. The after flying round the world in airliner took off from San J record 54 hours, 7 minutes. Francisco and flew via London,
The flight sliced more than Cape Town and Auckland.

San Francisco, Oct 31.-A sengers had paid \$3,333 (about

Labour looks foolish after Whitlam change of mind

From Our Correspondent Melbourge, Oct 31

The Australian Labour Party omist. The Austrahan Labour Party
has made an unfortunate start
to its election campaign.
Before the announcement of a
December poll by Mr Fraser,
the Prime Minister, last Thursday, Mr Gough Whitlam,
leader of the Opposition, had
stated that Mr Bill Hayden, the
last treasurer of the Whitlam
Administration, would not hold
an economics portfolio if

an economics portfolio if Labour won this time.

Mr Whitlam added that Mr Hayden would be Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence and Mr Chris Hurford would be Treasurer. Until now, Mr Hurford has been shadow Treasurer, but Mr Hayden had assumed a position as Labour's chief economic spokesman, apparently senior to Mr Hur-

After wide criticism over the weekend, however, Mr Whit-lam changed his mind and announced that while Mr Hur-

years and certainly to be

ment of a department of economic development put Labour shead of the Liberals on economic planning.

The immediate reaction to Mr Fraser's announcement of a December election has been one of apparent hostility. Even within government

ranks several members with marginal seats are far from happy since it is generally accepted that although the Government will retain power It will lose some sears.

The timing is being attributed to a belief by Mr Fraser that he is more likely to win this year

than next.
The role of Sir John Kerr, The flight sliced more than eight hours off the old record of 62 hours 27 minutes set by a Boeing 70 cargo jet in 1965. Beach, Florida, who are in their 60s, said they made the finan 25,000 miles and crossed the North and South Poles during the journey.

The pan Am jet travelled more than 25,000 miles and crossed the North and South Poles during the journey.

The pan Am jet travelled more their 60s, said they made the journey because we're getting that they made the journey because we're getting old, and we simply wanted to see the entire world in a short time. Reuter.

The flight sliced more than Cape Town and Auckland.

Mr Hayden would now nead a come under severe scruumy. In the world now department of economic is worth recalling that he said development.

Although the switch has made Mr Whiclam look foolish, it has been accepted by Labour ter to seek a premature election simply because it suited him. But he has now time. Reuter.

Law Report October 31 1977

Court of Appeal

Lacuna in Domestic Violence Act

The Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976, by virtue of section 2(1) of which a person may be arrested under power of arrest attached to an injunction, does not authorize detention for longer than 24 bours after the arrest. The Court of Appeal pointed to this lacune in the Act and said that it should be remedied as soon as possible.

Their Lordships also declared Their Lordships also declated that the Act was general in its application and not confined to applications for injunctions under

The executions were the lasest of a series in various parts of the country since the downfall just over a year ago of the extremest "gang of The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs Anne Helen Lewis from the refusal of Judge McCreery at Sonthampton County Court to attach a power of arrest four", which included Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching. The proclamations indicated

that the purge of "gang" fol-lowers was continuing throughout China as the pragmatic, post-Mao leadership moves to cradicate all vestiges of extre-mist influence. But there have must invalence. But there have been a number of suggestions, primarily from provincial radio broadcasts, that the campaign is proceeding neither as quickly nor as smoothly as the central leadership would like. There have even been a few provincial radio statements provincial radio statements recently saying that the position of Chairman Hua Kuofeng must itself be defended, a possible suggestion of dissension somewhere in the party ranks.

Travellers and local radio broadcasts have reported exe ary activities—regarded as political crimes against the state punishable by death—from 12 widely separated ciries other than Kunming since the arrest of the "gang of four"

on October 6 last year.

Recent travellers to Kunmthey saw six proclamations posted on walls in the city.

The proclamations they were able to read contained 47 names, of which 23 were listed for immediate execution in September, most for political crimes. These offences included disseminating counter-revolutionary leaflets and forming counter revolutionary groups. Death sentences in

China are carried out by shoot-

ing.
The other 24 people listed were sentenced to prison terms for various offences. The travellers said that of the five other preclamations one contained about the same number of names and four of them between 15 and 20 names each. Meanwhile, China has reiterated its concept of three worlds—the superpowers, deve-loped countries and developing nations—and says that the Soviet Union remains the biggest threat to peace. The re-statement of Mao's three worlds policy comes in a 35,000-word article to be published in the People's Daily tomorrow.—

Reuter.

Lewis v Lewis

Before Lord Justice Roskill and Lord Justice Ormrod

The Domestic Violence and Magazinonial Proceedings Add the Case may be, of his entry into any premises or area. (4) Where a power of arrest is attached to an injunction and a person to whom the injunction is addressed is arrested under subsection (3) above.—(a) he shall be brought before a judge within the period of 24 hours beginning at the time

of his arrest, and (b) he shall not be released within that period except on the direction of the judge, but nothing in this section shall authorize his differing has any time after the expiry of that period." Mr David Trotter for the wife. The husband, Mr Roger William Francis Lewis, did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that the appeal arose out of an application by the wife in divorce proceedings for an order in

application by the wife in divorce proceedings for an order in familiar form restraining the husband from molesting her and requiring him to vacate the matrimonial home. The judge took the view that section 2 of the Domestic Violence and Matrimonal Proceedings Act applied only where the application was made pursuant to section 1. Section 2 was in general terms, and applied where any judge granted an injunction in any of the three forms mentioned in section 2. The judge had been wrong in concluding that it was not possible to attach a power to a matrimonial injunction sought in the course of divorce proceedings, and sent the case back to the judge for decision.

proceedings, and sent the case back to the judge for decision.

Section 2 provides: "(1) Where, on an application by a party to a marriage, a judge grants an injunction containing a provision (in whatever terms)—(a) restraining the other party to the marriage from using violence against the applicant, or (b) restraining the other party from using violence against a child living with the applicant, or (c) excluding the other party from the matrimonial home or from a specified area in which the matrimonial home or from a specified area in which the matrimonial home is included, the judge may, if he is satisfied that the other party has caused actual bodily harm to the applicant or, as the case may be, to the child concerned and considers that he is likely to do so again, attach a power of arrest to the injunction.

. (3) If, by virtue of subsection (1) above, a power of arrest is attached to an injunction, a constable may arrest without warrant a person whom he has reasonable cause for suspecting of being in breach of such a provision of

wrong in concluding that it was not possible to attach a power of arrest to an injunction granted in divorce proceedings.

The appeal gave the court an opportunity to comment on points raised by the Act. The first was that the person applying had to satisfy the court on two separate grounds, that the other party had caused actual bodily harm to the applicant and that he was likely to do so again. In the present case there was virtually no evidence for the judge to make a finding on the second point.

The judge's order had been

constable may arrest without war-rant a person whom he has reason-able cause for suspecting of being in breach of such a provision of that injunction as falls within paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsec-tion (1) above by reason of that

been empty since the judge's Secondly, the power of arrest was not to be regarded as a routine remedy by any means. was plain from the wording that it was exceptional. It was very useful for exceptional cases where a man or woman persisted in dis-

obeying an injunction.
Thirdly, notice should be given in an application for an injunc-

non that it was proposed to ask the court for a power of arrest. If that was not done the respon-If that was not done the respondent might not turn up. He ought to be warned because he might submit to the injunction but oppose the power of arrest.

Fourthly, in section 2(4) Parliament had left in the air the powers of the judge when the power of arrest was put into effect. Section 2(4) required the person arrested to be brought before a judge within 24 hours. If he was not, he had to be released; but if he was, the Act contained no provision for the judge to do anything. No power was given by the Act to the judge to keep a man in custody a moment longer than 24 hours. The judge could not commit in the present class than 24 hours. The judge could not commit in the present class of contempt on his own motion, and the only other way to deal with it was for the other party to take the usual step of applying for an order for attachment or committal. His Lordship found it quite obscure what the judge could do when a person was brought before him. There was a large lacuna in the Act which ought to be remedied as soon as possible.

The only course the court could The only course the court could take was to allow the appeal in point of law in that the induct had had power to consider whether to attach a power of arrest, but it was for him to decide whether to do so. In those circumstances the appeal would be allowed. allowed.

Lord Justice Roskill delivered Solicitors: Coffin, Mew & Clover, Southampton.

Science report

Medicine: Megavitamin theory

Few people realize that viramins can cause serious poisoming and, indeed, vitamin pills have an aura of safety and healthitess about them that is very different from that of drugs such as tranquillizers. Health-food enthusiasts will often take regular doses of vitamins while rejecting "synthetic" drugs and many people prefer to treat coughs and colds with vitamins rather than with conventional medicines.

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drugs and many people prefer to
treat coughs and colds with vitamins rather than with conventional medicines.

Reliance on vitamins does no
harm so long as the doses taken
are small, but a new trend, growing in popularity, is the use of
enormous doses of vitamins in the
treatment of some mental states.
Extravagant claims have been
made for this megavitamin therapy
in the treatment of schizophrenia threat to peace. The rethreat to peace. The renent of Mao's three worlds
comes in a 35,000-word
to be published in the
le's Daily tomorrow.—
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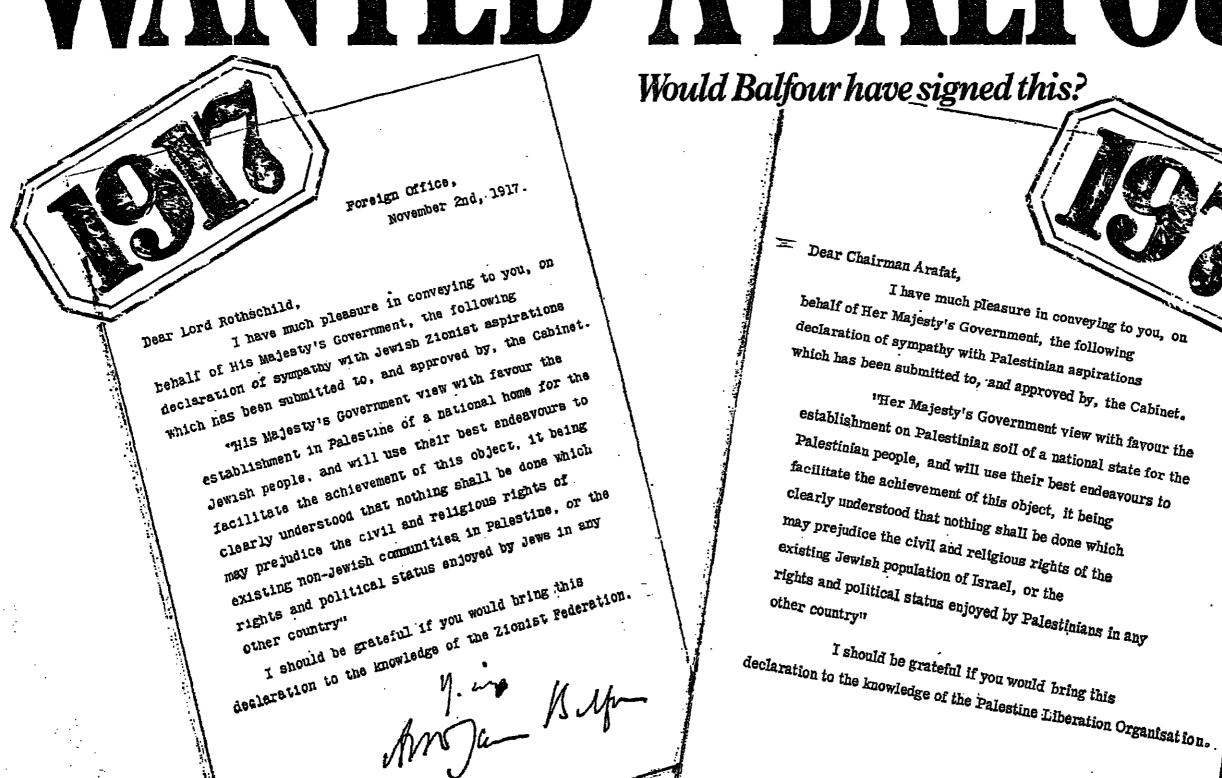
the high concentration had caused bone damage, so explaining the pain. His liver had also been damaged. Although the family denied that he had been given vitamins, his nursery school teachers reported that he carried a bottle of tablets everywhere and had eaten them continuously.

Vitamin A is the most dangerous: overdosage can be fatal, although symptoms usually lead to medical intervention while the condition is still reversible. Excess vitamin D may damage the kidneys and may lead to calcium being deposited in the blood vessels. Other vitamins are safer, but in

The belief that if small doses to some good then big doses should do more good is based on fallacious reasoning. Taking extra vitamins is rather like giving a car engine extra oil. Furthermore the whole range of vitamins, minerals such as iron and indeed all essential nurients are present minerals such as from add inneed all essential nutrients are present in adequate quantities in any reasonably balanced diet. Treatment with vitamins is needed only if for some reason the diet is inadequate or if there is some disease that prevents normal absorption of vitamins from food. Otherwise vitamin therapy is at best a simple placebo and at worst a form of self-poisoning. By Our Medical Correspondent

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association, October 17 (p1749).

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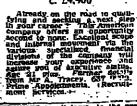
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Wood gives opposite number a lesson in art of goalkeeping

Middlesbrough 1 Everton 2

Whatever: English football-may lack in skill and precision its Cup lie football lacks nothing in drama and excitement. Everton's scrambled, lucky and giftmarely desperance 2—1 win over Middlesbrough took them through to the fourth round of the Football League Cup, and a visit to Jack Charlton's Shertled, Wednesday, Yet Everton's naworthy victory came only after a final quarter of frenzied anack by Middlesbrough and defensive tactics by Everton which gave us the unacceptable face of British football.

Sadly, the Everton tactics paid

Sally, the Everton tactics peid off. Everton built up a fortnitous 2—0 lead through the alackness of the Middlesbrough defence. Lybns, volleyed home past a surprised Platt after the ball had bounced freely in the Middlesbrough penalty area, and Pearson was unattended when he headed the second goal from a cross by Pejic.

in each case the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, Plan, could be faulted, and as the Middlesbrough

faulted, and as the Middlesbrough supporters streamed disconsolately from the ground, many were heard to remark that had the goalkeepers been switched Middlesbrough and not Everton.

Wood in the Everton goal was to give an inspired second half performance as Middlesbrough stormed into the attack, spurred by a goal from Milk just before the interval. Middlesbrough, as they had done for most of the first half, poured into the Everton penalty area, and at times

Brian Greenhoff could be back to help in Manchester United's attempt to survive in the European Cup-Winners' Cup tomorrow. He was back in full training yesterday after missing five marches with a thigh injury. David Sexton, the manager, may gamble on his fitness, as United try to counter FC Porto's 4—0 lead, achieved in the first leg of the second round.

the first leg of the second round.

United have won only one of the five games without Greenhoff, and his intelligent breaking from the back should help them in their chase for goals. Macari, who missed Saturday's game because of injury, it also expected to play.

Liverpool, holding a 5—1 first-leg lead as they go to East Germany, for their European Cup game with Dynamo Dresden, expect to have Clemence, the England goalkeeper, fit in spite of an injury received last weekend Clemence and Heighway both improved after treatment of their knocks and are in the party of 17.

In the Uefa Cup Aston Villa

In the Uefa Cup Aston Villa are at full strength, as they take a 2—0 lead to Poland for their meeting with Gornik Zabrze. New castle United have a slight doubt about forward Cassidy, as they my to recover from a 2—1 first-leg

and Finnegan

Harry Levene the London promoter, plans to stage a world middleweight title bout at the Empire Pool. Wembley, during the first ball of 1978, a contest directly concerned with the British cheminoshin contest next Tues-

championship contest next Tues-day between the holder, Kevin Finnegan, and the former British and European champion, Alan

Sexton may gamble on

Greenhoff's fitness

Scotland's captain set to rejoin Derby

Bruce Rioch, Scotland's captain who joined Everton if months ago from Derby County, seems likely to return to Derby, Rioch, who cost Everton £180,000, is likely to return for a fee of ground £150,000. During his stay at Goodison Park, Rioch, who admits to never having settled on Merseyside, has made a total of 39 league and cup appearances storing four goals. Negotiations are expected to be concluded at Derby today.

Rioch was left out of last night's. defence emphasized by the pandemonium on the terraces.
Wood saved a fine low shot from Cooper, and made a remarkable save from Armstrong. The left winger wormed his way past two defenders and struck a spinning shot towards the top left-hand corner. It seemed to have passed Wood when he stretched his massive frame to fingertip the hall belind for a corner.
When Wood was not in the way. When Wood was not in the way of Middlesbrough, the woodwork was. Woof sent in a header which hit the foot of a post, and it was at this point that it became obvious that it was not to be Middlesbrough's night.

Rioch was left out of last night's. Everton team for the Football League Cop third round replay-against Middleshrough at Ayre-some Park at his own request. obvious that it was not to be Middlesbrough's night.
During this spell of intense and france pressure by Middlesbrough, the Everton defence pulled out every trick in the book, some highly questionable. Passes back to the goalkeeper came from anywhere on the pinch, some from within the Middlesbrough half. some Park at his own request.

Brian Flynn's £200,000 move to
Ouen's Park Rangers is off. The
intie Weish anternational player
telephoned: Frank Sibley yesterday morning to say that he was
still undecided and the Ranger's
manager decided that there was
no point in going on with the
matter. "It seems Flynn was
reluctant to come south, so as
far as Rangers are concerned the
move is off", a QPR spokesman
said. from within the Middlessmooth half.

As fouls were readily administered, Higgins warmly grasped Mills round the neck and was booked for his pains when a more drastic sentence might have been applicable. Nevertheless Everton survived, and Jack Charlton left the ground at the end rubbing his hands at the prospect of a crowd-pulling visit from the Merseysiders. After Everton's display, he may anticipate a surprise.

MIDDLESSROUGH: J. Platt: I. Balter, T. Cooper, S. Boam, A. Ramaye, G. Souneas, J. Malvoney, T. McAndrew Isab, J. Hickens, D. Mills, W. W. Elscher, M. Dobson, J. Pearson, M. Buckley, M. Dobson, J. Pearson, R. Latchind, D. Thomas, Referree; Mr. W. Johnson (Kenteil).

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Leeds United will make offers today for Figure and Peter Daniel, the Hull City right back. This was the outcome of a two-end-aquarter-hour Leeds board meeting last night to discuss savengheming the sale which is in the bottom half of the table. After the meeting limmy Armfeld, the Leeds manager, said: "I can't say supplieng about the players. The chaleman may say symething. We have not had any disagreement about who to sign." He then left for his Blackpool home. Manny Cussins, the Leeds chairman, emerged from the board meeting to make the antonucement about Fiyam and Daniel but in eath case he said that the Leeds offer would be below the valuation placed on the players by Buruley and Holl City. Mr Cussins denied that Leeds were considering a change of manager or had issued any nitimation to Mr Armfield. "It has not been easy for him with the injuries he has had and the fact that we are changing over from an older side to a younger side. We are not dissatisfied with him. We think he is very genuine and sincere but it is up to him to sign the players he wants. The money is there."

Donato Nardiello, Coventry City's 20-year-old forward, is included in the Welsh party for next month's World Cup game in Czechosicwakia. Nardiello, Cardiganshire-bord son of an Italian cafe owner, wins his call on the recommendation of Terry Yorath, the Welsh captain, after just a handful of games with him in the much-improved Coventry side.

WORLD CUP PARTY: D. Davies (Workla Cu away defeat by the Corsican side Bastia. Ipswich Town could have the Scottish full back Burley, tit the Scottish full back Burley, fit for their trip to Las Palmas.

Burley missed Saturday's home defeat by West Ham United because of an ankle injury. Hunter, who strained a groin in that game, is also expected to be fit, but the manager, Bobby Robson's, main problem, as his team travel with a 1—0 first-leg lead, is whether to give the young striker Geddis, a place in his starting line-up. striker Geddis, a place in his starting line-up.

Although Manchester City had Watson, Clements and Donachie all under treatment yesterday for injuries after Samuday's game against Liverpool, Tony Book, their manager, expects to have them available for romight's League Cup replay at Maine Road with Lunon Town.

Also back into the reckoning will be the Scottish midfield player Hartford, who has finished a three-match suspension. Tueart and Booth have made good recoveries from injury but are unlikely to play.

Luton may be without Boersma because of an Achilles rendon injury which has kept him out of action for three weeks.

WORLD CUP PARTY: D. Davies (Wraxham), J. Phillips (Cheises), R. Thomas (Cardiff C). M. Page Birmingham C). D. Jones (Nawyich C., L. Phillips (Aston Villa) D. Roberts (Hull C./ J. Jones (Liverbool), T. Yorath (Coventry C). Pyra, Bursley J. Mahoney (Middle-brough) T. Jones (Queens Pangers) (Wracham) Pages (Cheise C). Deay (Shindboven), D. Nardiollo (Coventry Chindboven), D. Nardiollo (Coventry Coventry C).

Mr Justice Slade invited Mr Kempster to give examples of the aspersions to which he had re-ferred. Counsel reminded the judge of the description " no more than a charade" to the " com-promise" meeting between the

than a charade " to the "com-promise" meeting between the ICC and Mr Packer at Lord's on June 23 this year, to the charge that the TCCB had "acted dis-honestly" in its dealings with Mr Packer's network, and to alleged "dishonest claims" made by the TCCB. Mr Kempster thought Mr Packer's protestations of CONCETH

Big incentive for | Last witness appears in Packer case

The last witness in the Packer

High Court trial finished giving

evidence yesterday. He was Mr

Donald Carr, secretary of the Test

and County Cricket Board. After

and County Cricket Board. After Mr Douglas Insole, the TCCB chairman, had been recalled for further cross-examination, Mr Michael Kempster, QC, began his closing address for the defendants, the TCCB and the International Cricket Conference (ICC). Altogether 20 witnesses had been called, eight for the plaintiffs (Mr Kerry Packer and three of his players) and 12 by the defendants. The case so far has lasted 26 days. It is expected to end on Friday.

The plaintifts, Mr Kempster said, had sought in part to found their case on a detailed demgration of the efficiency and the integrity of those responsible for the welfare of cricket in this country and world-wide. Mr Kempster suggested that Mr Justice Slade must be satisfied beyond a peradventure that the various assersions cast on the



Tennis



Richest event in women's game

Tennis Correspondent

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Palm Springs, Oct 31
The eight singles players and
four doubles pairs who have been
most successful in the women's
international tennis series, have
assembled here for the inaugural
Colgate championships. The series
and the championships are, respectively, the women's equivalent of
the more familiar men's grand
prix circuit and Masters tournamore naminar men's grand prix circuit and Masters tournament. Women were incorporated in the grand prix system from 1971 to 1973; but this is the first time that, after 24 widely scattered tournaments, the best of them have qualified for a climattic event.

event.
This ultimate showniece tournament has a stature comparable with that of the Masters and a World Championship Tennis playoff series. It will also be the richest event the women's game has ever known, with first prizes of £43,000 in singles and £17,000 in doubles. in doubles

The eight singles players will compete in two groups on an all-play-all basis every evening from tomorrow until Friday inclusive, the group winners advancing to the championship final shortly be-

Earlier Mr Carr had been asked about the suggestion by Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, for the plaintiffs, that each county should be left to make up its own mind about whether or not to employ Packer players. Mr Carr thought it would be "totally unexceptable" for one county to use Packer players and for another not to do so.

Packer players and for another not to do so.

In cases of this sort, "which affect the structure of the game", it was what that all counties worked together. If there were going to be variations in the approach by different counties "certainly the players would find it unacceptable and I cannot imagine anyone who would find it acceptable in the cricketing sphere".

nere". Mr Insole was referred to the

The only relevance of that early approach was to demonstrate the unhappy frame of mind of the real plaintiff in both cases, Mr Packer, following his unpalarable discovery on June 22 last year that, for once, money could not buy him what he wanted. (Mr Kempster was referring to the attempt by Mr Packer to secure nelevision rights from the Australian Cricket Board of Control.)

Mr Justice Slade invited Mr

fore lunch on Saturday. The doubles event will be a straight knock-out, culminating in Sunday's final. The women's game will then be concentrated on the more restricted appeal of the Anglo-American Wightman Cup series at Oakland, just outside Sen Francisco. Christine Evert, Billie Jean King and Virginia Wade will compete in both events.

pete in both events.

The singles field here consists of Miss Evert, Martina Navratilova, Miss Wade and Dianne Fromboltz in one group: Betty Stove, Mrs King, Kerry Reid and Wendy Turnbull in the other. There can be no argument about the quality of a line-up that includes the resurgent Mrs King and the players who comested the championship singles finals of Wimbledon (Miss Wade and Miss Stove), the United States (Miss Evert and Miss Turnbull) and Australia (Mrs Reid and Miss Fromholtz).

The four doubles teams also include the Wimbledon and United States champions: Helen Cawley and Joanne Russell and Miss Navratlova and Miss Stove. The other pairs will be Linky Boshoff and Hana Kloss (who were beaten by Mrs King and Rosemary Casals in Puerto Rico yesterday) and

the only non-qualifiers who might have been fancied to win. The championships will be played outdoors on hard courts

played outdoors on hard courts at the Mission Hills Country Club on the edge of a fashionable resort that seems a rather odd thing to find in a vast expanse of desert where Indians, with a reservation covering 32,000 acres, are the largest landowners. The name and popularity of Palm Springs arose from the Indian discovery of hot mineral springs. There are 37 golf courses here: one for approximately every 800 residents, though it is estimated that Palm Springs has two million visitors a year. The tally of swimming pools works out at one for every five residents.

The landscape is dominated by

The landscape is dominated by desert, canyons, and the San Jacinto Mountains. The climate is warm and dry and this is the best time of year to appreciate it—not least for those refugees from autumnal Europe who sit down to dinuer here at a time when they might be taking an early breakfast at home.

Rugby Union

Doble to be honoured by world class team

One of the best Rugby Union teams ever assembled in Britain will play Moseley, who are unwill play Moseley, who are unbeaten, in a special memorial match for Sam Doble, the full back who died last month at 33. Twelve stalwarts of the 1977 British Lions tour to New Zealand plus the brilliant Weish trio of J. P. R. Williams, Gerald Davies and Gareth Edwards make a unique, world class XV at the Reddings on November 27. The organizers have succeeded where the Lions in New Zealand failed—getting Williams. Davies and Edwards into a team where they would have been automatic choices but for their unavailability.

With Williams at full back, Irvine, a conspicuous success in New Zealand, swinches to the wing, Edwards partners the Lions captain Bennett and the team is

(Cardiff); F. E. Cotton (Saic), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), G. Price (Pontypool), N. E. Horton (Stade Toulousain), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde), A. Neary (Broughton Park), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock), T. J. Cobner (Pontypool) (capt). and Gartin Edwards make a unique, world class XV at the Reddings on November 27. The organizers have succeeded where the Lions in New Zealand failedgesting Williams, Davies and Edwards into a team where they would have been automatic choices but for their unavailability.

With Williams at full back, Irvine, a conspicuous success in New Zealand, switches to the wing, Edwards partners the Lions captain Bennett and the team is captained by Cobner who, while at college in Suffordshire, became a friend and team colleague of Doble. Horton, the England and former Moseley lock, now playing in France, returns to his old club for the occasion.

Barrie Coriess, Moseley's England course, commented: "It is a fantastic team, a totally fitting tribute to Sam. I cannot imagine anyone turning down an invitation to play in this match. People should not think that it will be just an exhibition game. There is a lot of pride at stake. We think we are the best club side in the country and we are not going to let ourselves be mangled by a brunch of British Lions!"

Doble, who made a science out of goalkicking, won three caps for England and set up a world record number of points in a season with Sil in 1972. Proceeds from the march will go towards a trust fund for Doble's widow and two young children and also cancer research.

INTERNATIONAL XV: J. P. R.

Lions accept invitation to play for Stanley's XV

By Peter West

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Fran Cotton, Peter Wheeler, Bill
Beaumont and Tony Neary, the
four English forwards who represented the British Lions in the last
international against New Zealand
in August, have accepted invitations to play for Stanley's XV in
the annual match against Oxford
University at Iffley Road on November 17.

week.

Three Aborigine boys, all from the same family, will be in the Australian schools side to four England Ireland and Wales in December and January. They are Gary, Glen and Mark Ella, the last two of them being twins. All are said to be threequarters of outstanding promise.

The Australian party will play

University at liftley Road on November 17.

Another Englishman on the Lious tour, Peter Squires, was asked to play for Stanley's as well, but he has only just returned from his honeymoon and has had no match practice since coming back from New Zealand with a torn hamstring. He is hoping to get his first game of the season, with the season of the season, with the season of the season, with the season of th

Injuries pile up on French for first international

Paris. Oct 31.—Injury problems are piling up on the French selections for the first international against the New Zealand All Blacks on November 12 at Toulouse. Bertranne is nursing the side from scrum half.

The All Blacks unable to conrib injuries and Bastiat today declared his leg injury would not be fully healed in time for the international.

international.

Bastiat, who played in a local club match this weekend, said afterwards that he did not feel he could justify a place in the French XV until he was 100 per cent recovered. "I don't want to let the side down at Toulouse or aggravate the injury. But I expect to be available for selection for the second test at Paris", he said.

Another blow for French hopes Another blow for French hopes came when Averous limped oif the field at half-time in today's club match between Narbonne and La Voulte. While his team ran up a 66—8 victory, Averous had emergency treatment to a pulled leg muscle. But afterwards he announced he would not be fit to play for the "Pyrenees Selection" against the New Zealanders at Perpiguan tomorrow, and it was doubtful that he could be considered for selection for the first international.

The regional selection is some-

the first international.

The regional selection is something of a blend of the two types of formation which the All Blacks have faced so far. At Brive the French selectors chose an inexperienced, attacking line-up, much to their woe. At Lyon the New Zealanders faced a big pack determined to stop the backs from getting the ball.

The Lyon type appears to be the The Lyon type appears to be the best for countering these All

The All Blacks, unable to conrice Ail Blacks, unable to convert any of their three tries in Saturday's 12—10 win at Lyon, play a 23-year-old stand-off half, McKechnie, at Perpignan, the third match of their tour. With Wilson still inactive with a tright ligament injury from the first match in Brive last week, the All Blacks hope McKechnie can fill the gap.

the gap.

McKechnie, who has played cricket for New Zealand, handled and kicked the high ball with precision in the match against Italy at Padua a fortnight ago, but his goal kicking was inaccurate. The tourists hope he has recovered his touch.

Only seven of the team which struggled to win at Lyon play tomorrow. But all the newcomers played either in the first match at Brive or against Italy. Knight, whose hard running at flank forward contributed so much to the 45—3 win at Brive, returns to the back row with returns to the back row with Myers and Eveleigh, who was carried off on a stretcher suffer-ing from concussion in Italy. Stewart takes over the captaincy from Mourie

from Mourie

NEW ZEALAND: B. C. Williams;
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For: B. McKechnie, K. Green, E. R.
Johnstone, J. Black, J. Ashworth, K.
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L. Knight, R. Myers,
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Presse.

Gymnastics

Soviet Union

monopolize

gold medals

Oviedo (Spain), Oct 31.—The Soviet Union won at least a piece of every gold medal in both the

men's and women's fidividual events in the gymnastics World Cup yesterday. In the men's pommel horse and fixed bar the Russians had to share the gold

with competitors who drew identi-

with Competitors who drew identical scores.

MEN! Pommel horse: Equal 1. V. Markelov (USSR) and M. Nikolay (E. Germeny, 14.50 pts. J. A. Theiskiev (USSR), 19.15. Floor: I. N. Andrianov (USSR), 19.15. Floor: I. N. Andrianov (USSR), 19.25. 2. Hakelov, 19.40; 3. Markelov, 19.70; 2. Markelov, 19.50; 5. Thatchev, 19.45; Vaulting horse: I. Markelov, 19.15; 2. Andrianov, 19.05; 5. R. Bluckner (L. Germany), 19.05; 5. R. Bluckner (L. Germany), 19.05; 5. R. Bluckner (L. Germany), 19.65; 5. Sawad (Markelov, 19.15; 3. Sawad (Markelov, 19.10, Hace bar, eagual L. Markelov, Thatchev and E. Glenger (W. Germany), 19.60, 2. Markelov, 19.60, 2. Markelov, 19.60, 2. Markelov, 19.50; 5. Rraker (E. Germany), 19.60, 2. Markelov, 19.50; 5. M. Egers, 19.15; 3. Hilatova (USSR), 19.45; 3. Hilatova (USSR), 19.45; 3. Hilatova, 19.50; 5. M. Egers, 19.50; 2. Kraker, 19.00; 3. A. Grigoras (Romania), 18.85, Floor: 1. Fistova, 19.70; Equal 2. Kraker and V. Cerna (Czechoslovakia), 19.25, —Upf.

Mr Insole was referred to the use of the expression "The only thing we can do is sack them." by Mr Gubby Allen, as reported in a transcript of shorthand notes of a TCCB emergency executive committee meeting on May 13, four days after the first news of the Packer series appeared. He could not recall the phrase. It sounded "all-embracing". The hearing continues today. rccb. Mr Kempster thought Mr Packer's protestations of concern for the lot of cricketers "suspect". The application of one particular section of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act of 1974 to the present case was "novel". "It falls to your lordstip", Mr Kempster said, "to be the first person to construe it". (The TCCB and the ICC are claiming beyond a peractive man the various aspersions cast on the administrators during the first weeks of the case but not pursued since were "misconceived if not unwholesome". Cowdrey one of four for Australia trip

Christopher Cowdrey, a 20-yearold Kemt batsmau and son of a
former England captain, Colin, is
one of four promising young
cricketers to play in Australia for
12 weeks this winter under the
Whitbread awards scheme.

Whitbread awards scheme.

Weekly programme will be supervised by Peter Spence, the New
South Wales coach. Emburey and
Hopkins will head for Victoria and
their direction will come from a
former England fast bowler, Frank
Tyson, who is the state coach.
The award scheme is run in con-

The other three are Emburey, Middlesex off-spin bowler; York-shire's big hiting 22-year-old bats-man, Love; Hopkins, who hit 230 against Worcestershire last season for Glamorgan's biggest postwar

The £30,000 scheme began last year when Athey, of Yorkshire, Gatting, of Middlesex, Botham (Somerset) and Stevenson (Yorkshire) made the trip. Gatting and Botham progressed well during last summer and are in the England party for Pakistan and New Zeuland. Athey is not selected for this

Athey is not selected for this year's scheme, but along with Stocombe, of Someraet, will have his fare paid to Australia. During the quartet's stay, each will be officially attached to a grade club. They will be expected to emer mid-week club practice, join the state party whenever they practice and to help the Australian Test party. the Australian Test party The players leave on December season.
22 On January 2, Love and Cowdrey will go to Sydney where their tary, a former Warwickshire cap-

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Tyson, who is the state coach.
The award scheme is run in conjunction with the Test and County Cricket Board and Douglas Insole, chairman of the TCCB, said:
"When the scheme was launched last year it looked at once to be

Any of those lucky enough to be selected the winter, playing, watching, learning, eating and sleeping cricker in Australia, will have been given a great chance of making a return visit in 1978-79 on the next England tour. Whitehouse will succeed Brown as captain of Warwickshire next summer. The 28-year-old Nun-

certain winner

summer. The 28-year-old Nun-eaton-born bateman, who had his best ever season with more than 1,500 runs this year, takes the appointment after Brown's resig-nation at the end of three years as captain. Whitehouse, a qualified accountant, scored 173 on his first appearance against Oxford Univer-sity in 1971 and was voted young cricketer of the year in the same season.

tain, said: "David has had this in mind for some months. We were sorry to hear his final decision, but happily he will go on playing for as long as he can. David, of course, has in expanding business in breeding, schooling and breaking horses at his farm in Worcestershire."

fershire."

Gurr, an Oxford University fast bowler, has been sent down for twice failing his Greek preliminary examinations. He was to have been the secretary next season and Fisher (St. Ignatius and Christ Church) has taken over the post. Gurr, aged 21, won his Blue as a freshman two years ago and created such a good impression in his first eason, that season first. created such a good impression in his first season that seven first-class counties offered him terms. Gurr joined Somerset because he thought he would get more first-class cricket with them. He is at present on tout in Sri Lanka with Derrick Robins's team.

Indians hampered Adelaide, Oct 31.—Rain pre-vented the Indian cricketers prac-

in the men's doubles.

England dominated the women's doubles with Nora Perry and Karen Puttick trouncining their team colleagues, Barbara Sutton and Jane Webster, 15—8, 15—9. Perry and David Eddy, of England, took the gold medal in the mixed doubles defeating Jane Webster, of England, and Steen Skovgaard, of Denmark, 15—4, 15—12. Tennis TORYO: C Dibley best S. Menon.
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tising at Adelaide oval today, hampering preparation for their opening tour match on Wednesday against a South Australian country XI at Port Lincoln.—

England centre gains niche with an expense claim

oy reter west ... Christopher Rez, best known bese days as a versatile sports commentator and reporter for BBC radio, won 13 cape for Scotland in radio, won 13 cape for Scotland in the centre and in 1971, before touring New Zealand with the Lions, scored the try that clinched for his country their first win at Twickenham for 33 years. Before all that he graduated with a degree in history from the University of St Andrews, and this last fact will be not in the least surprising to anyone fortunate enough to acquire a copy of his book, Rueby (Hamlyn Publishing Group, £4.95).

He does not claim, in a book beautifully illustrated and set out, to produce a comprehensive history of rugby union football in 192 pages of text, and another 23 of important statistics. There are chapters on the great players and some of the greater moments in the history of all the chief rugby playing nations, and all are written with a keen eye for the humorous anecdote. He recounts, for instance, the always interesting story of H. C. Catche-

Delfs fights back

Toronto, Oct 31.—Flemming Delfs, of Denmark, the world

champion pegged back an eightpoint lead by Thomas Kihlstrom, of Sweden, to capture a gold

medal in men's singles at the

Canadian Open badminton championships here. Down 9-1 in

the final game, Delfs said: "I started thinking about losing",

but he went on to win the match,

In the Women's singles, Canada's Wendy Clarkson bear the top seed Jane Youngberg, also of Canada, 12—10, 11—1 to win

of Canada, 12-10, 11-1 to win the gold medal for the second year in a row. Youngberg has been off the courts for a month nursing strained back figaments.

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In the men's singles. Delfs said that the predominence of fast shuttlecocks in the game favoured the smaller, swifter Kihlstrom. But Kihlstrom said that his reactions were slower than usual because of medications that he had been taking for a throat infection.

been taking for a throat infection. Kihlstrom and bis team colleague, Bengt Froman, narrowly defeated Eddie Sutton and Derek Talbot, of England, 16—17, 15—11, 15—10 in the men's doubles.

Szymala appeals

Canadian title

Badminton

to take

side's passage of arms with the RFU treasurer in 1924.

That was the year when the England centre "gained his niche in rugby lore with a blonde leap over the French full back, and with an expense claim submitted to the RFU for a train journey from Newcastle to London. The fare amounted to £2.19/11d, which he rounded up to £3.

"This did not meet with the approval of the union's treasurer, and Carcheside received a cheque for the exact train fare. Nothing daunted, when he was next called upon to play at Twickenham, Carcheside filled in his expense sheet thus:

Train fare Todlet £2.19/11đ 1d total

"We play". Mike Gibson writes in his fortword, "because we love a game which cannot be compared to any others. We do it because of the friendship formed." Rea's book may inspire young men just as E. H. D. Sewell's Rugger: The Mart's Game once fired the imagination of this aging scribe.

Horse show

Sandsablaze goes clear in jump-off for third win

Landover, Maryland, Oct. 31.— Sandsablaze, a 10-year old chestnut gelding ridden by Buddy Brown, achieved his third and most im-portant victory of the 19th Wash-ington international horse show last uight by winning the President's Cup Grand Prix, worth \$6,500 (about £3,600).

Sandsablaze, lent to the United

Sandsablaze, lent to the United States equestrian team by the Derby Hill farm of South Salem, New York, was the only entry to go clear in a jump-off field of seven, which had been reduced from an original 28 starters. The winning time was 35.6 seconds. The gelding recently returned to the show jumping circuit after suffering a bowed tendon in the 1976 Olympic Games. Sandsablaze won three of four classes entered to the Machineton Chasses entered

Today's fixtures Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Mehlkopf had ridden Cyrano to wins in two other open classes At that point, Cyrano and Sands-ahlaze were the only horses to win two international events dur-ing the nine-day show held at the capital centre.

Bernard Traurig rode The Car-

dinal to fifth place. Robert Rid land on Southside was sixth and the Canadian, Ian Millar, rode Brother Sem for seventh place Melanle Smith, on the Frenchbred Val de Loire, was eighth.

The United States won the team bred Val de Loire, was eighth.

The United States won the team competition with 110 points, Great Britain were second with 53, followed by Canada with 47 and West Germany 41. Matz had a total of 36 points to win the riders' award. North American international competition will be resumed on Tuesday night at

in the Washington Show. "He tried his heart out". Brown said. "He tries every time".

Jet Run, ridden by Michael Matz. a member of the United States Equestrian team, was second with three faults in 41.7 seconds. Do Right, owned by Gulf States Paper Corporation, and ridden by this show's Leading national rider, Dennis Murphy, was third with four faults in 32.3 seconds. West Germany, riding Cyrano, a 12-year old bay gelding, was fourth with four faults and a time of 35.5 Germany, riding Cyrano, a 12-year old bay gelding, was fourth with four faults and a time of 35.5 seconds. None of the British, Canadian or other West German horses survived the opening round.

Going into the President's Cup.

r Combridge University.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodili Competition: Second round: Sallord v Oldham

14-year-old

England choose

Cheryl Brazendale, the 14-year-old British free-style record-holder from Blackpool, is the youngest swimmer in a five-strong English team named to compete in the women's International Cup meet-ing at Harvard University, United States, on January 6

States, on January 6.
With her in the team are Margaret Kelly, a Montreal Olympic breaststroke finalist; Sue Jenner, a brouze medal winner in the (North): Cambridge City v Corby: Tamworth v Bridgend. NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Rarrow v Lancaster; Wefecambe v Gatchicad: South Liverpool v Wigan Athleta. butterfly at this year's European championships; Sharron Davies, an outstanding 15-year-old indi-IBIOLI. FA VASE, First roped replay: Erith ad Brivedere y Faversham REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Enfield vidual medley swimmer from Ply-mouth; and Debbie Rudd, the Coventry swimmer, who is study-OTHER MATCH: Bishap's Storfford ing at the University of Southern California.

Minter.
On Saturday, Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, and Benny Briscoe, of the United States, meet in Italy for the vacant world title. Imly for the vacant world title. Mr Levene, who has been in touch with both sides, is confident of matching the winner there with the winner of the Finnegan v Mimer bout. This comest would probably take place in May. Mr Levene's Wemblev date in March is likely to be taken up by a return world welterweight title hout between Carlos Palomino, of Mexico, and Dave Green, of Britain, assuming Palomino is still champion.

55:55

champion.

Green nude a successful comeback in September after his defeat by Palomino three months earlier. The Mexican American Champion The Mexican American champion has confirmed his willingness to come back to Britain next spring to give Green another chance.

But first Palomino must overcome another challenge. He will defend the title against Jose Pelactos, of Mexico, in a 15-round match at the Olympic auditorium in Los Ameles on December 10, and the Colombia of Palactos, of Mexico, will be added to the Olympic auditorium in Los Ameles on December 10, and the Colombia of Palacton, will in Los Angeles on December 10, Bunny Johnson, of Britain, will fight Aldo Traversaro, of Indy, for the vacant European lightheavyweight ritle in the coastatown of Viareggio on November 2b, it was announced in Genoa vesterday. The title was vacated earlier this year by Mate Parloy, a Yuguslay

Olympic Games IOC wait to see what postman brings

a Yugoslav

Lausanne, Oct 31.—Applications for staging the 1984 Olympic Games closed today and the Interpational Olympic Committee said it would annuance the official candidates on Wednesday morning. The IOC and although October 31 was the closing date it would accept any applications October 31 was the closing date at would accept any applications that arrived in Wednesday morning's mail.

An IOC official said Los Angeles was still the only city applying for the sammer Games. Applications for the Winter Olympics have been filed by Sapporo. Japan, and Gotebora. Seeden, such last-minute applications were mounted to be on the

percent, one law-minute applica-tions were thought to be on the way from the High Latrus in Czechoslovakia- and the Mount Blanc resort area of France, the official said.

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The shortune of candidates for the shortune of candidates for the summer Games there are mean that Los Angeles will automatically be made the one when the told in the taken pear Mark at the full for meeting of Adhen, the following testimonial formation, and have the satisfaction, and have the satisfaction for the following the fact of the first criteria, even though the fact criteria, even though the following the fact of the fact of

Ice hockey

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(Cochostrakia), 7-5. 6-7. 7-5.
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Germany) beat P. Herka (Crachosinvality), 6-3. 6-4:
SEOULL Davis Cno (Eastern 2002):
South Korea best Pakistan, 5-2. The Rugby League announced yesterday that Eddie Szymala, the Barrow hooker, has lodged an appeal against his eight-match bon imposed by the Disciplinary Committee last week.

Oisin's win is tribute to his trainer

By Michael Seely
Tzi-Tzi Girl, an Irish mare,
started her busy English week on
an unsuccessful note when beaten
a nock by Oish in the Gunley
Handicap at Leitester yesterday.
John Hassett, her trainer from
to Clare does not believe in ways. John Hassett, her trainer frum to Clare, does not believe in wrapping his horses in cotton wook. Immediately after the race, the fice-year-old started south on the long journey to Lingfield Park, where she is taking part in the Pheavant Amateur Stakes this afternoon. Soon after that her here will be beginned north. horsebox will be headed north where Tri-Tzi Girl has been declared to run in the Durham Stakes at Teesside Park on Thurs-

the Bonfire Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday, but her trainer, showing a rare touch of compassion, said: "We'll have to see how she is after her three races, before reaching a decision." Mr fore reaching a decision." Mr Hassett is a man of foresight, as both the Lingfield and Teesido erents are for horses which have not won a race before September 28. Remarkably, the first of Tzi-Tzi Girl's three victories in Ire-land took place at Listowel on

As Edward Hide switched the mare inside two fuclougs from home, it looked odds on her winning. But in the last 100 yards she found nothing when asked the final question and Disin held her challenge more comfortably than challenge more comfortably than the margin suggesta.

Osin was winning his fifth race of the season for the Pulborough trainer, Guy Harwood. The four-year-old's condition paid a hand-ome tribute to the skill of his both the Lingfield and Teesside trainer who was gaining his fiftieth victory of 19.7. Harwood bought chain from his former owners for 10.900 guineas at the Newmarket sales last week as a shoolmaster for his apprentices. And yesterday Oisin found immediate success in his new role, as the Bold Lad gelding gate the 16-year-old, Peter Bloomfield, his tirst victory from only six rides in public.

Bloomfield was not the only voung rider to shine yesterday. This year's Crown Plus Two aprentice champion, Paul Winter, was seen to great advantage on the William Hill November Handicap, on Sailcloth who

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 PHEASANT STAKES (£699: 1m 1f)

3.0 LULLENDEN HANDICAP (51,235: 1)m)

1.30 ROTHERFIELD STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o: 5998: 7f)



Ma Familie comes home clear of Diamante in Leicester's John O'Gaunt Handicap.

Sterling Lucy, who was brought with a strong late run to collar Sweet Caress in the dying seconds of the Fleckney Maiden Stakes. The winner landed a gamble for his connexions, being backed down from 12-1 to 5-1. Sterling Lucy is rained by the former stereptechase rider, John Raine, for his father. William.

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rider, John Hame, for his father, William.

Another former jump jockey to saddle a winner was Ron Vibert when Ma Famille gave a decisive two and a half lengths beating to Dismante in the John O'Gaunt Nursery, Ma Famille makes a habit of winning on his connections birthdays. Yesterday's victory gave her rider, John Lowe, his eighty-fourth statess on his twenty-seventh anniversary and Vibert was celebrating his thirty-ninth birthday when the filly scored her only other success at Kengton Park on July 13.

Besides Lowe, Talfy Thomas is also enjoying his best ever season. The Welsh jockey drove Rota past Fretty Girl in the last furlong of the Welsh jockey drove Rota past Fretty Girl in the last furlong of the Welsh jockey drove Rota past Frenty Sirl in the last furlong of the Welsh jockey drove Rota past Frenty Sirl in the last furlong of the Welsh jockey drove Rota past Frenty Sirl in the last furlong of the Wysall Claiming Stakes for his ninety-sixth success of the year. Thomas had a good chance of winning the last big race of the season, the William Hill November Handicap, on Sailcloth who

At Lingfield Park this afteracon Tzi-Tzi Girl, despite her fong journey from Leicester, should outclass Panda's Gambol in the Phensaut Amateur Stakes. Three likely two-year-old winners on the Surrey track are Brian Swiit's Chepstow winner, Lord Rochford, who has No Bombs to beat in the Rotherfield Stakes (first division), Clive Brittain's Amber Rama filly. Aruba in the Ticchurst Stakes and Paul Cole's Impressive course winner King For a Day in the second division of the Rotherfield Stakes. Cole could also do a double with Paulifac in the Crowborough Nursery. And in a battle between three horses who won last time out, Deep River, Frash, and MudgeDown in the Lullenden Handicap, I prefer ModgeDown one of the easiest winners seen all season at Newmarket last Saturday. market last Saturday.

At Leicester, that consistent

Lingfield Park selections

3.30 TICEHURST STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £727: 5f)

4.0 ROTHERFIELD STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £1,047: 7f)

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Lord Rocinford, 2.0 Tzi-Tzi-Girl, 2.30 Paulilac, 3.0 Mudgedown,
3.30 ARUBA is specially recommended, 4.0 King For A Day.

two-year-old, Giriams, can record his seventh victory of the season for Jeremy Hindley in the Pyuchley Stakes. Gay Twennies can give Bill Wightman his second success of the meeting in the Hoby Maiden Fillies' Stakes and David Gandolfo's sprinter, Can Run, can repeat her previous course win in the Tugby Handlcap. In Ireland yesterday Meladon's length defeat of Lovely Bio in the Squash Ireland Handlcap Hurdle at Leopardstown did not impress either the bookmakers or last season's Triumph Hurdle winner's trainer, Adrian Maxwell. Meladon is now a 12-1 chance for the big race at Cheltenham

Melbourne. Oct 31.—More than \$A20m is expected to be wagered in Australia and New Zeeland tomorrow on Australia's premier horse race, the Melbourne Cup. There will be 24 starters in the \$A56,700 race, which is run over \$2,200 merres at the Flemington racecourse.



The key to keeping working families together

The Great Debate, focused chiefly on secondary education, has—like much edu-cational debate before it—borrowed some cational debate before it—borrowed some concepts and labels from primary schooling without considering whether they are appropriate for the child of secondary school age. One of these is the label of "latchkey child" as shorthand for the child who lets himself in to the family home when he gets back after school, because his parents are still at work. Originally the term "larchkey child" was applied to the child so young that the only way the term "lanchkey child" was appned to the child so young that the only way to make sure he did not lose the vital key was to put it on a string round his neck. The picture conjured up is a pathetic one, of the small child letting himself into a silent house with no one there to share with him the remembered trials or priumphs of his school day.

Even at the primary school age, this picture does less than justice to the resourcefulness and complexity of much resourcefulness and complexity of much family life, as the Newsons' study. Seven Years Old in the Home Environment has shown. The child may let himself in only to pur his things down before going off to the house of a relative of neighbour; his mother may ring up from work to fill the 10-manute gap until an older brother or sister gets in. Even so, most parents of primary school children are auxious if they cannot be there when their child arrives home. Most mothers, and not a few fathers, try to plan their working day so that the child does not come back to an empty house. an empty house.

so that the child does not come back to an empty house.

However, to borrow the concept of the latchkey child and use it to describe young people of secondary school age whose mothers go to work is quite mappropriate. Mareover it may mask a more serious problem, of the child who does not have the key to the family home, and is in effect locked one by his parents, for reasons we will presently discuss.

Young people are now at school thatif at least the age of 16. Recent statistics have shown that over 50 per cent of married women are at work. Educationists and others who proffer their views on family life must face these undoubted facts. Rather than take refuge in unfinking platitudes about latchkey children, they might do well to recognize that it is both reasonable and desirable for young people to have access to and make responsible use of the family home.

The Newsons' longitudinal study of Not-

use of the family home.

The Newsons' longitudinal study of Nottingham children has not yet reported on
the secondary school age years. No doubt
it will in due course add a great deal to
our understanding of the dynamics of the
later stages of family rearing. However,
as part of a three-year study of the relationships between secondary schools, the
homes of pupils, and a number of welfare
agencies, the Educational Studies Unit at
Brunel University has conducted over a
hundred home interviews in two outer
London boroughs. Carrying out these interviews has given many insights into the
complexities and the resourcefulness of
family organization when parents are at
work and children at secondary school.

In our contacts with the families of
secondary school children we found much
evidence of mutual commitment and
adaptability between parents and children
which was enabling family life to continue, on effective if non-traditional lines.

"Routines", timetables, calendars and
diaries as tools of family organization were
not confined to the middle class. Many
parents who firmly, if ambiguously, identified themselves as "working people" were
cooperating with spouses and children in
quite elaborate schemes for keeping home
life going Secondary school children met
younger brothers or sisters ar primary
school and brought them home; mothers
were washing clothes in the evening for
the next day; young people holding the The Newsons' longitudinal study of Not

were washing clothes in the evening for the next day; young people holding the fort at home when we called had a con-fident if erratic notion of when their parents would get in from work and might be available for interview; fathers, mothers and older children took turns in preparing the evening meal; and the care of household pets often seemed to be everyone's auxious concern.

Many teachers, as well as parents, conmany teachers, as wen as parents, con-tributed to our research. For teachers, discussing their pupils home life, the ideas of "shift work" and "shiftlessness" often seemed to be synonymous—a rather often seemed to be synonymous—a rather depressing indication of the confines of many teachers occupational experience, since shift work in fact makes considerable demands on both the personal self-discipline and the inter-personal relationships of the worker. Many of the parents we interviewed, both mothers and fathers, were on shift work. This had both benefits and disadvantages for family organization and disadvantages for family organization. Quite often there would be one parent at Quite often there would be one parent at home during the morning or part of the afternoon—if not at the educationist's witching hour of four o'clock—so that during school holidays children were unlikely to be left entirely to their own devices. House doors were often opened quietly in the daytime because of a sleeping family member, and the exigencies of varying shifts meant that parents and children alike had a heightened awareness



School's out. but what do the children do when their mothers are not waiting for them at home?

of the time boundaries of one another's involvement with airport, factory or school. Children's parritime jobs often further complicated the family calendar, underlining our research conclusion that for the young person of secondary school age the family home is only one of a number of part-time environments which contribute to his life experience.

The secondary school child who has the key of the door and lets himself into the family home after school is not necessarily a neglected child. He is being given the opportunity to make responsible and briefly exclusive use of a part-time environment which he shares with other family members. He may positively welcome some time to himself at the end of the school day before taking up the family-

the school day before taking up the family-member roles which have been in abeyance during his time at school.

In most of the homes we visited, family life seemed to be thriving on the require-ment to interrelese the multiple roles of family member, ampliyance or school purit Inter-generational friction was certainly, and expectedly, in evidence, but parents and children alike seemed to take some pleasure in recognizing the reality, if sometimes the intransigence, of one another's priorities.

In a few of the homes we contacted

In a few of the homes we contacted, however, the usual amalgam of friction and cooperation had not been achieved. In an attempt to defend family property, secondary school children were locked out of the house, by parents away at work. Sometimes this was a response to a general "wading in to" or destruction of family supplies and equipment by children and their friends; more often it was because of the theft of money by two or more their friends; more often it was because of the theft of money, by one or more family members. Families facing problems of this kind have a long way to go in arriving at the sense of mutual commitment which appears to sustain most modern family life, where the home is used by parents and adolescent children as a part-time shelter and resource, to be jointly serviced and used. Failure to arrive at this commitment is not assuaged by the apportisiting of blame, as between parents or children. But providers of other part-time environments for young people—youth workers, teachers and social workers—may conclude that these workers—may conclude that these "locked-out" children rather than "latch-key" children are an organt focus for their concern.

In our study of the relationships between

that whereas some agencies, such as the child guidance clinic, the education welfare service or the juvenile bureau, offered specialist help which the family offered specialist help which the family could either accept or reject, other agencies, clong with the schools, could best be described as surrogate parents for the child of secondary school age. The youth and community service, some forms of social work—for example intermediate treatment—and the many forms of organized schooling, whether mainstream, special or "alternative", all offer the young person partime environments which constitute to some extent a temporary "home" or place-for-living.

Most of the parents we talked with had had no contact with specialized agencies

Most of the parents we talked with had no contact with specialized agencies and were not aware of their potential either to offer specialist help or to stand in as surrogate parents. However, the role of the teacher "in loco parents" was well understood, and often seen as offering parents a welcome respite. Neverthuless most parents felt that teachers were parents felt that teachers were entitled to call them in, and look to them for help and support if their child was involved in anything more than ordinary classroom trouble. But those parents who defined their children as a threat to, rather than a sharer of, family resource were looking for something more than were looking for something more than part-time help with the parental task. They wanted someone to take over completely a task to which they had come to feet unequal. In taking this attitude they were probably making a realistic assessment of

probably making a realistic assessment of their own capacity to cope with their older children. But they were making their plea in vain, since intra-family thefr or disruption were not defined either by police of social workers as triggers for wholesale social intervention.

Parents of secondary school children are often the focus of sweeping criticisms about family lifestyles. The despair of those few parents who have failed—and admit it—to coexist and cooperate with their growing children, serves at any rate to point up the success of the great majority of familles to arrive at a flevible and feasible modus vivendi. Let us think twice before we criticize from Juris's who entrust the younger generation with who entrust the younger generation with

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By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 No Bombs, 2.0 Pandas Gambol, 2.30 Lustrous Prince, 3.0 Port Ahoy, 3.30 Aruba, 4.0 Bernejo.

2.30 CROWBOROUGH HANDICAP (2-y-o : £903 : 7f 140yd)

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3.45 TUGEY HANDICAP (£1,290 : 7f)

By Our Racing Staff
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3.15 Girama, 3.45 Can Run.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.45 Fleur de Flandre, 2.15 More Pleasure, 2.45 Sonetta, 3.15 Girama, 3.45 Peranka.

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Aerosol sprays: wasteful rather than dangerous?

schools, homes and agencies we found

From yesterday American shoppers will have a new compulsory health warning to consider. All aerosol hairsprays, deodorants and antiperspirants using liquefied thiorofluorocarbon gases as a propellent will, by edict of the Food and Drug Administration, have to bear the warning:

"Contains a chlorofluorocarbon that may harm oublic health and the Administration, have to bear the warning:
"Contains a chlorofluorocarbon that
may harm public health and the
environment by reducing ozone in the
upper atmosphere." This is the start of a
programme adopted by the American
agancies to ban CFC aerosols from interstate commerce by April 15, 1979.

The corne or proposition of 1974

state commerce by April 15, 1979.

The scare over aerosols began in 1974 when two American scientists, Professor Sherry Rowland and Dr Mario Motina, suggested that the fluorocarbons being released into the atmosphere at the rate of a billion pounds a year might destroy the protective layer of expose in the stratographere, exposing the Facth to ultraviolate. sphere, exposing the Earth to ultra-violet radiation and its inhabitants to the risk of skin cancer.

In America, where aerosols have been used to dispense everything from toothpaste to chocolate whip and chantilly cream, the suggestion that the Earth might literally be scorched to death as a result caused profound alarm. In 1975 there was a 15 per cent drop in the manufacture of chlorofluorocarbons, largely due to lost

la Europe there was reaction too, but the authorities have not followed the American rush to ban chlorofluorocarbons. There is, in fact, no certainty that Rowland and Molina are right. If the ozone wastage does occur, estimates vary from saying that it might be less than 1 per cent

over 50 years to more than 20 per cent. NASA will shortly be sending up more rockets and balloons to sample the stratosphere and add yer more to the mass of only perturn analysed data arready com-

only pertially analysed data arready com-piled by satellites.

Meanwhile there is no chance whatever that manking wil be obliged to forgo the convenience of press-button sprays to kill its pests, sweeten its eight posish its furni-ture and ameliorete its body octours. The public controversy to date, as distinct from the scientific one, has been fuelled by misconceptions. misconceptions. . .

Few laymen aware of the warnings about aerosols realize that even in 1974, when the alarm was raised, only half the world's six billion nerosols were concerned. The others used liquetied petroleum gases, hydrocarbons such as propane and butane as propellant, or non-liquetied gases, such as carbon dioxide. 'These have never been implicated.

Nor are chlorofluorocarbons a concern of the aerosol industry exclusively. They are more indispensable to the refrigeration are more moispensable to the retrigeration industry, because the alternative compounds suitable for refriceration are quite taxic, very smelly and difficult to contain in the equipment. Less than 50 per cent of the chlorofluorocarbons produced in the world goes into aerosols: the bigger part is used in refrigeration, air conditioning and to produce chemical forms.

The number of aerosols which eventually bear the American agencies warnings will

bear the American agencies warrings will be comparatively small. Already nearly 90 per cent of the aerosols being manufactured in the United States are filled with hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide

propellants.
In Britain 500 million aerosols are pro-

In Britain 500 million aerosols are produced annually. The Johnson Wax company, which manufactures one tenth of them at Frinley Green, Surece, has already reformulated its entire rance to replace chlorofluorocarbous completely. Readers who may be concerned to know that most aerosols will in future be activated by the sort of gas that also fuels gas lighters and stoves can be reassured. It is possible (though not advisable) to spray butane propelled air-freshener on to an open fire without it igniting, because of the water droplets included in the mix. It is the active ingredients, such as the alcohol in hair lacquers, rather than the propelled is which make next inflammable aerosols risky.

aerosols risky.

Even in America, chlorofluorocarbons are to continue to be permitted in aerosols where their use is deemed "essential". To the layman the concept of an essential aerosol may be difficult to graso, though to an American corporation lawyer any thing is possible. Most exemptions are likely to be in the medical field

likely to be in the medical field. In ecology-conscious Eurone the more serious complaint against aerocols may prove eventually to be, not that they deplete the ozone layer, but that they waste finite resources, are unrefillable, and add unwarrantably to the general detritus of our civilization. Meanwhile opinion polls and market research show housewives publicly vowing never to buy aerosols again, and then refusing in the shope to buy their furniture polishes, hair sprays and so on in any other form.

Robin Young

JPY, in 150

ER TIMBER

Panel looks

at freight

costs and

age industry.

structure.

and others.

Welsh coal

The recently revamped Price Commission took on two widely

different new tasks vesterday: an investigation into the gross

profit margins earned by 14

Weish coal merchants, and a

sectoral examination of the

multi-million-pound road haul-

Concern about likely heavy

increases in road frieght charges against a background of wage negotiations which threaten to break the Government's 10 per cent pay guidelines prompted Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to order the Commission to carry

order the Commission to carry

out a nationwide examination of the hauliers' cost and price

The inquiry into the profits

of the coal merchants is the first to be undertaken by a

regional office of the reconsti-

tuted commission and was sparked off by complaints from the Welsh Consumer Council

These were that the merchants, who are based in the Preseli and South Pembroke-

shire areas of west Wales, are charging too high prices and offering too little competition

It is alleged that the prices they are charging are typically about £10 a ton more than

equivalent prices charged for the same coal by merchants in

came into effect on August 1, the commission can make far-

reaching recommendations en-forceable by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer

Protection. Subject to parlia-

mentary approval, any such restrictions can last for an

In making the reference on road haulage Mr Hattersley hinted at the threat of sanc-

tions against high wage settle-ments. He said a major factor

affecting the industry's charges appeared to be wage costs on

which "current developments"

The Government is alarmed that a pay settlement giving

heavy goods vehicle drivers in the west Midlands a 15 per cent

pay increase will set a precedent for the

industry.

Agreed late last month, the deal was made between union negotiators and the powerful

which represents 16,000 firms.

Wage negotiations are at present in progress for other areas, but the west Midlands is traditionally regarded as setting the pattern for the rest of the

The majority of road haulage

concern: are too small to have to preportify the Price Commission about their proposed price increases. But the National Freight Corporation applied re-

cently for increases of about 30 per cent for certain of its loss-

making operations.

After discussions with the

commission the increases were subsequently modified to a maximum of 15 per cent for the Roadline UK parcels company

while the increase in rates of another NFC subsidiary, National Carriers, were agreed

The industry argues that other

costs apart from its wages, which account for only 40 to

the remainder of the

indefinite period.

would be relevant.

FRANKS

BUSINESS NEWS

Sterling climbs to highest level for 18 months as Government acts to defend money targets

Floating pound advances 6.33 cents on the dollar in widespread demand

after the Bank of England let London. It closed at \$1.8405, against the dollar, up 6.33 cents from Friday's close of \$1.7772.

In effective terms the pound leapt by 3.5 per cent to 64.6 on the made-weighted index. This effective rate index was at 62.5 before the weekend. There is no indication ver

The Confederation of British Industry voiced sharp criticism of the decision to floar the pound. "We had urged the Government to seek a period of stability in the exchange rate", a spokesman said. "Our political state is a stability of the exchange rate."

inflation rate is still well above

that of our competitors. The

of a rising pound will nor be welcome to industry."

Today the CBI will publish its latest survey of trade trends. This will show that—

limiting exports. The compar-

able figure a year ago was 39

sanguine view. Sir Frederick Catherwood, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board,

said the feeling in the past ten weeks had been that pro-

vided the pound did not go very much above the \$1.80

mark the effects should not be

The danger would be if it

hort period. That would bit

Mr Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, yesterday

took the opportunity afforded by his winding-up of a trade union conference on industrial strategy to criticize the Govern-

ment's motives in allowing the

He told union leaders: the

was necessary to stop the

Treasury statement argued that

omits set by the International Monetary Fund.

hat money. But the statement

what the level of the exchange

rate should be, but I do know Britain."

" Now we all know the dan-

pound to float up.

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TUC chief says exchange

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The was necessary to stop the two as a symbol of money should not treat our exchange rate as a symbol of monetary virility or virtue.

Decisions on the exchange

ge that come flowing in with the manufacturing sector, not wo money. But the statement what is good for the money

"Quite frankly. I don't know on the basis of what is good for

rate no 'virility symbol'

or cent. Others took

even at the old exchange rate—
more than 60 per cent of tun
exporters judged that prices
were already a major factor so

loss in competitiveness

Sterling climbed rapidly to clear that overseas money was above \$1.80 in Tokyo and continuing to flood into Longopened at \$1.8025.\$1.8075 in don despite the Chancellor's

CBI says loss in competitiveness

will not be welcomed by exporters

not be right to sell purely on price in the long run.

Engineering Employers Federa-tion, said a lot of members would welcome the float. The major problem facing industry was still inflation and this would help in the longer run.

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But companies whose product
was off-the-shelf and quickly
with the consumer would be hir.
Their export prices would
go up immediately. Manufacturers at the "heavier" end
of engineering would not be

At the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, which

may discuss the float at its national council meeting to-morrow, a spokesman con-sidered that the sterling rate had been allowed to harden at

an undesirably low level.

One sector less well placed is the car industry. Foreign cars, already taking half of the home market, will become cheaper and the export prices of case and mount combinings.

Mr David Plastow, president

that if the exchange rate goes up, our imports become cheaper and this helps to reduce

"I also know that it makes

our exports dearer, and pos-

sibly therefore loses attraction

in world markets. I know that

be just as important, and that

is an important part of what

the industrial strategy is about.
"What is quite clear to the

rate are enormously important ones, but we need to take them

on the basis of what is good for

somply—just as we must take

investment and employment in

Good design and quality can

price is not everything.

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spokesman for the

This effective rate index was at 62.5 before the weekend.

There is no indication yet whether the authorities will rry to repeg the pound at a new rate, or what this rate would be. Some dealers believe that the pound could go as high as \$1.90 against the dollar by the end-of this week if the miners accept the productivity deal today.

The Government's decision to take the lid off the pound was first implemented early vesterday morning on the Far Eastern foreign exchanges.

The pound was then allowed to rise freely for a while. So far this year many of the to rise freely for a while. So far this year many of the Strong demand from all open into Government gits and quarters pushed the rate over other debt, and therefore have not affected the money supply intervention was detected. September's money figures beauty by those who have built bank accounts and thus pushing their sterling recently but ing up money growth. With this was easily outweighed by the current account coming from New York.

The decision to let the pound have a direct one-for-one effect of last week after it became only by the increased liquidity.

Roger Vielvoye writes: A rise in the value of the pound from \$1.72 to \$1.85 would reduce Britain's net visible trade balance on oil from about

£200m a mouth to £186m. These

figures should remain valid for about three months as North

sourner. However, the improve-ment in sterling should

Britain's decision to allow the

pound to float more freely was not prompted by pressures from the United States

Treasury or the International Monetary Fund, according to informed sources here.

Informal consultations had

taken place recently between Pritish, American and IMF officials about sterling's ex-change rate, the sources said.

It is believed that the IMF

s concerned that a further rise

in the pound in terms of the dollar may impair Britain's international trading competi-

Such a rise 's widely ex-

peried among New York foreign exchange dealers. These

dealers said today that it seemed likely it would climb to

\$1.86 in the next couple of days and perhaps go still

rveness.

Washington, Oct 31-

Thus a conflict between the Government's money and exchange rate policy was deemed inevitable, and the decision was taken to ler the pound go up before further money supply figures showed that the conflict

had become acrual. have some difficulty achieving its money targets this year, and in setting targets for next year which are neither too restricrive nor thought to be too inflanonary. Gilts have been supported this year by the foreign inflows and with low institutional liquidity there is a limit on the amount of domestic sales

which will take place. The dollar lost ground against all currencies yesterday, closing at a new low against the Japanese yen of 349.1, and the Swiss franc of 2.232. It closed

Treasury Secretary, America wanted to preserve the strength of the dollar helped the currency to recover during

However, most dealers are expecting a further decline in the rate this year. The Bank of England has been the heaviest supporter of the dollar on the exchanges. Without this support, as the Bank allows the pound to rise, the dollar will be weakened.

In New York the dollar moved sharply lower against most major currencies in after-

Finally at the close sterling was traded almost 7 cents up against the dollar. Wall Street prices too re-flected the uncertainty affecting the dollar. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 4.33

Equities rally after an early retreat products which sold solely on of the Society of Motor Manu-price. But it was necessary to take a longer view; it would not be right to sell purely on price the long rule.

By Our Financial Staff

Unsettled by the prospect of a squeeze on corporate profits' as a result of a strengthening pound, share prices dipped sharply on the stock market in early trading yesterday.

At one point the FT Index was 12.4 points down at 496.9, but later on some buying interest reappeared, largely in the form of bear closing, and the index ended the day only 3.8

down at 505.5. The gilt-edged market interpreted the news more positively. At the short end of the spectrum the prospect of reduced foreign buying of gilts led to some price falls of up to 1 point, but longer-dated were heartened by the disgilts were beartened by the dis-inflationary implications of the news and gains of up to 1; points were recorded. As so often happens with a

about three months as North
Sea production will rise only
slowly during this period.
Once the Claymore, Thistle,
Brent and Ninian fields begin
volume production next year
the monthly deficit is expected
to decline sharply.
A stronger pound will also
trim the £1,000m being spent
annually on imported equipment for North Sea operations.
Patricia Tisdall writes: Foreign
holiday and travel bookings
which are recovering from last which are recovering from last year's sales trough expect to be boosted by a rise in sterling. long anticipated development, the markets tended to view sterling's appreciation as an Tour operators say they are already having difficulties in bolding their prices for next As far as companies are con-cerned there has already been widespread concern that profits particularly from overseas

IMF doubts on sterling stability

port compentiveness in a firmer sterling rate.

start intervening heavily once again to try to stabilize the pound, because of reduced ex-

Gilts yielding 11 per cent can still be bought and used as collateral for loans in New York at 8 per cent, say the dealers. This highly-profitable operation was free of risk when terling was begunt in the for-

sterling was bought in the for-ward market fully to hedge the

So long as such opportunities were available the pound is

seen as rising in terms of the

This is said to be particu-

larly the case at a time when confidence in the management

of the American economy is as

low as it is now, as reflected by the weakness of share prices

and such statements as that

made last week by Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal

exchange rate risk.

dollar.

higher. Burns, chairman of the Federal They consider that the Reserve Board, which bitterly

competitiveness implicit

seen as putting a further squeeze on profits. Not only will 1976's exchange rate profits be absent, but, if the present parities hold, there could be significant losses on exchange rate conversion at the year end.

earlier, and a stronger pound is

Export margins will also be under pressure, especially next year, and it is pointed out that a lower rate of inflation will eat into profits made through

The gilt market, however, was more interested in the implications for the money supply, which has seemed to be coming under intense pressure as a result of the huge inflows of foreign funds.

tration for acting in a manner

that is depressing busines

Peter Norman writes from

Bonn: While sterling's move

ments against the Deutsch

mark generally reflect its fluo

tuations against the dollar, there appears to be a growing feeling in German banking circles that economic recovery

Michael Hornsby writes from

Brussels: The cost of nearly all food imports will remain

unchanged because of the

special over-valued exchange

rate used for translating the

EEC's common farm prices,

expressed in units of account,

into sterling. But the stronger

pound will reduce slightly the

size of the large subsidies

which have to be paid on

on British food imports to sus-

tain the "green" pound rate.

in Britain is a reality.

confidence.

There are still worries about whether money supply will be containable next year as the economy revives.

Base rates cut: Finance House rates were cut half a point

to 6 per cent yesterday, the lowest level since July, 1972. FHA rates are fixed in relation to money market rates and Financial Editor, page 21

"But we have to bear in mind we have not had a massive vote in favour of a return to work. It could be a bit tricky ". Meantime he planned to set up a provisional meeting with British Oxygen to resume negoti-

A resumption will, of course,

Insurers to curb Ulster fire losses

Damage by terrorists in Northern Ireland is to be ex-cluded from commercial and industrial fire insurance cover

from April 1. The new exclusion clause drawn up by the British Insur-ance Association is timed to coincide with the introduction f the Government's Criminal Damage (Compensation) Northdefines what the authorities regard as terrorist damage, for which government compensation will be payable. It does not affect private dwellings.

It is designed to eliminate confusion over Northern Ireland claims which has in the past led to sizable financial losses to some insurers as well as higher administration costs

Government compensation has been available to property

Office of Fair Trading inquiry starts into SE restrictive practices

A major and exhaustive tween brokers and jobbers, investigation into the operation The Stock Exchange Cou restrictive practices it enforces -particularly fixed commission rates and the separation of stockbrokers and jobbers—has been started by the Office of Fair Trading. Yesterday the OFT placed the

constitution and rules of the Stock Exchange on the Register of Restrictive Trading Agreements following a preliminary investigation of the agreement between members of the Stock Exchange, which is strictly enforced by the Stock Exchange

Along with Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiries into the proposed merger of the jobbing firms Smith Brothers and Bisgood, Bishop, the OFT investigation will be the first into Stock Exchange affairs to be carried out by a

affairs to be carried out by a government agency.

At a time when many of the accepted practices—not least the single capacity of, brokers and jobbers alike—are under strain, the investigation may have far reaching effects.

Investigation by the OFT may take up to two years, Although

take up to two years. Although it will be wide ranging, there are about a dozen major targets, of which the two most crucial and sensitive are the commis-

The Stock Exchange Council bas always resisted arguments that fixed commission rates should be dropped in favour of freely negotiated rates and says its stance is vindicated by the

events in the United States following the ending of fixed commissions there in 1975. Since then some 150 brokerage firms have been forced into mergers or out of business altogether. Nicholas chairman of the Stock Ex-change, said yesterday: "At-the moment my council would not want to abandon fixed com-

missions. Just look at the United States experience, when the abolition did not work in the public interest ". While not necessarily wholly in favour of the present system.

most institutions, which theo-retically would gain financially from the abolition of fixed rates, believe that a free-for-all would be damaging.
One institutional investment

manager said yesterday: "The United States example showed that the broking fraternity were prepared to cut each others' If a free-for-all developed, the

number of broking firms would Financial Editor, page 21

BOC stewards will urge a return to work

British Oxygen shop stewards page which has been estimated voted last night by the narrow- to have caused 50,000 layoffs est of margins to recommend a return to work of the 3,000 drivers and process workers who have been on strike for three weeks.
At a special meeting in Lon-

don they voted initially 36-36 on the recommendation which meant accepting a still-secret peace formula. Then abstainers were urged

to come "off the fence" in a second vote which decided by 38—36 in favour of recommend-ing an end to the strike. Now stewards will hold meet-

ings in the next two days at the 46 depots in the country which have been directly affected by the dispute.

Mr John Miller, Transport and General Workers! Union national chemicals officer, said:

grass roots level have endorsed decisions of the stewards.

depend on members deciding to

RTZ judgment is reserved The appeal to the House of

Lords by seven directors and senior executives of Rio Tinto-Zinc, the United Kingdom based international mining based international mining bouse against being forced to testify in a 52,000m uranium law suit currently being fought in the United States, was con-cluded yesterday. Judgment was reserved.

50 per cent of total costs, have gone up.

at 9 per cent.

Patricia Tisdall

owners for terrorist damage under 1971 legislation, but many firms have tended to pay out on policies imme-diately, recovering the approrise could only cancel out the prize proportion of their effect of a sharp advance in outlay when government compensation is made.

THE POUND

London metal prices take heavy tumble

PARKER TIMBER GROUP LTD. **EXCELLENT RESULTS**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th October, 1977. to tollowing is an extract from the statement of the Chair The Group of Companies, as forecast has had a successful year. with a further marked increase in turnover and profits

Group Net Profit, before provision for taxation, amounted to 23 707,000, an increase of £674,000. Provision for Corporation Tax, carculated at 52% was £1.415,000 (1976 £1:118,000). Group Turnever including Direct Exports of £153,000 amounted to £41,062,000 1276 931.571,000)

All timper divisions traded successfully during the year, despite the burdens of inflation and increased costs from abroad. F. P. Sieward & Co. Ltd. increased output and services to our customers. All branches of Parker Timber (Plywood) Ltd., have traded at sub-standally increased turnover and profits. The new branch opened at Bristol has achieved excellent results, and allows a broader base for plygood operations, particularly to Wales and the West Country. During the year, productive capacity of pallets has been increased and results achieved at all locations were up to expectations. Nation-ande demand for roof trusses has been at a lower level with margins ander pressure; our share of the market has however been increased. The factory site for building components at Pinxton has been selended by the purchase of a further three acres. Diamatic (Steel abrications) Ltd., made a useful contribution to Group Profits. Taker International had a further successful year with a large norease in storage and handling, currently it has the largest order notes history. A. Letter & Co. Ltd., have managed to maintain a sab-stactory level of tumover and prohlability in spite of the difficult conditions prevailing in the industrial packaging and insulation raterials trade. Plans are in hand for a considerable expansion in the nanuracture of corrugated fibreboard and plastic packaging

During the year the Group invested £882,000 in capital projects and maintaining our continuing confidence in maintaining our programme of expansion and modernisation.

Ternover for the first five months of the Current Year is 121% agree in value than for the same period last year. Current trading quite satisfactory and we hope that subject to any unforeseen tificulties a further successful year's trading will be enjoyed by ം Graup.

The accounts for the year to 31st March, 1977, were adopted no dividend of 5.445p (maximum permitted) approved payable 4th

PARKER HOUSE, 144 EVELYN STREET, DEPTFORD, LONDON SER SDE

Tin, which was also affected By Wallace Jackson

Commodities Editor
All London Metal Exchange
prices were sharply lower
yesterday following the advance in sterling.
Copper cash wire bars lost
£21.25 a tonne to £640.50 and three months was £21 a tonne lower at £652.25.

by a decline in the Penang price, fell by £127.50 a tonne for standard cash to £6,872.50 and three months was £112.50 a tonne lower at £6,640. Lead fell by £3.75 a tonne to

and £14. Silver lost between 6p and 7p a troy ounce in the LME ring. Sugar futures were about £3

a tonne lower. Coffee futures were least affected, as sterling's £349.75 for cash and by £3.25 to £355.75 for three months. The falls in zinc were £8.50

New York coffee on Friday.

The Times index: 213.08-2.73 The FT index: 505.5-3.8

Newsprint may cost £10 a tonne less this month Rises

By Edward Townsend British newspapers could be paying £10 per tonne less for newsprint this month if ster-ling's rise is maintained. If all importers and the domestic producers—Bowater and Reed-follow suit, the reduction could save the newspaper industry about 11m in one month.

In the last round of newsprint price increases the Canadian suppliers were alone in imposing a currency clause in con-tracts allowing for adjustments should the pound rise in value above \$1.75.

This will now be triggered the Scandinavian and Finnish producers are expected to have little choice but to lower their prices. In the interests of maintain-ing a stable price structure

newsprint buyers and users are likely to agree on a system of credit notes leaving the posted prices, which average £240 a tonne, unchanged. The last increase, in January, was £27 a tonne and added about £32m to the publishing industry's 1977

How the markets moved

6p to 249p 15p to 264p 13p to 265p 11p to 56p 14p to 85p Mills & Allen Ningate Explor Photo-Me Int Sidlaw Ind Steep Rock York Coral Leisure Durban Rood Glanfield Secs Graham Wood Evode :

Falls Bk Leumi Israel 6p to 21p
Blackwood Mt 9p to 17p
Borthwick T 9p to 81p
BSR - 10p to 105p
E Rand Prop 35p to 359p
Grootylei 9p to 96p
Imp Cold Store 10p to 100p

Git-edged securities were firm.

Dollar premium 92.75 per cent (effective rate 32.42 per cent).

Sterling gained 6.33 cents to \$1.840s. The effective exchange rate index was at 64.6.

Gold gained \$0.50 an ounce to \$161,625. SDR-5 was 1.17999 on Monday, while SDR-E was 0.664099. Commodities: Reuter's Index was at 1,463.8 (previous 1,484.9). Reports, pages 22 and 24

23p to 85p 10p to 290p 8p to 200p 6p to 83p 7p to 186p 6p to 76p 5p to 248p Finland Mkk Germany Dm Kloof 36p to 391p Lydenburg Plat 6p to 50p Rustenburg 7p to 62p SA Land 9p to 66p Sectombe Mar 15p to 250p Taylor Woodrow 14p to 466p Unilever 12p to 572p Hongkong \$ Italy Lr 1635.00 Japan Yn 480.00 Netherlands Gld 4.60 1580.00 455.00 4.38 9.95 72.00 Norway Kr Portogal Esc S Africa Rd 1.60 151.50 8.70 4.06 1.83 1.72 157.75 Spain Pes Sweden Kr Switzerland Fr US S Yugoslavia Dur 38.75 ank note: Barclaus

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to have caused 50,000 layoffs in other industries.

British Oxygen has refused to negotiate while the strike con-Mr Miller said there had been a "very substantial" improvement by British Oxygen

improve radically their offer." was that while we were aware of the new offer we were not

in a position to put that for-mally to the conference", he We have been asking them to have faith in us. But I can tell you there was no way I

would have reconvened this conference today unless I was personally convinced that the company was prepared to improve radically their offer. The company had been talk-ig of "pound notes and not pennies". When the strike started

British Oxygen had offered the men 10 per cent plus a productivity agreement which guaranteed another 4 per cent. At that stage there were a number of conditions attached to it but they were latter removed at talks under the auspices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Ser-

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The Construction activity is on budget. The Engineering activity is maintaining budget and has considerably reduced its level of loss which obtained in 1976. The Foundry activity has returned to a break-even position during the period under review. The Joinery activity is below budget. All other activities are on budget. Profit margins generally remain under increasing pressure. Whilst Group turnover in 1977 is expected to show an increase over 1976, Group profits before tax are expected to be close to the previous year. Work in the public sector is at a very low level. The private sector has not yet shown any increased confidence in the future.

The UNAUDITED results of the Group include:

	Half-year	Half-year	Year	
-	ended	ended	ended	
•	30th June	30th June 31s	t December	
	£,000	£,000	£,000	
Turnover .	31,489	26,133	57,017	
Profit before taxation	977	1,172	2,531	
Extraordinary item		4		
•	977	1,176	2,531	
Taxation	508	608	1,328	
Profit after taxation	469	568	1,203	
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The Directors of the Company have declared an interim dividend of 21p per Ordinary Share of 50p in respect of the year ending 31st December 1977 which is at the same rate as the interim dividend declared last year and will amount to £132,715 (full year 1976, £437,000). The dividend will be paid on the 11th November 1977 to shareholders whose names are on the register at the close of business on the 27th October 1977.

27th October 1977

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Copies of this Interim Report may be obtained from the Secretary, Henry Boot & Sons Limited, Banner Cross Half, Sheffield, S11 9PD.

Union call to Striking Chrysler shop stewards force top 100 vote to picket suppliers' plants into planning By Clifford Webb agreements

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday that the Government should take powers to compel Britain's top 100 companies to enter into planning agreements.

Agreements between unions, government, and private indus-

try were essential to the success of the Government's industrial strategy, he said.
Mr Jones's remarks, amounting to a declaration that the strategy had so far failed, came at a conference of 300 senior trade unionists in London called to consider the unions' role in shaping industrial

The conference approved a The conference approved a critical TUC background paper which pointed out that since the 1975 White Paper, An Approach to the Industrial Strategy, which provided for planning agreements, only one, with Chrysler, had been signed.

Mr Jones complained that the Covernment had been "hi-Mr Jones complained that the Government had been "hijacked off course", and added:
"The Civil Service and the Confederation of British Industry may think they have effectively buried planning agreements but frunkly, if the indus-

trial strategy is going to work, their introduction is essential. "Faced with determined opposition from the CBI and some employers the Government has no choice but to amend the Industry Act to ensure that at least the 100 top should planning agreements by the end

Chrysler UK's rapidly deteriorating financial position —it lost £19m in the first nine
months of this year—took
another knock yesterday when
shop stewards at its Linwood,
Renfrewshire, plant voted to
escalate their formight-old

They are calling on trade unionists throughout western Scotland to support the stoppage and are planning to picket the factories of Chrysler's main component suppliers.

This latest move follows the breakdown of further talks between the company, shop stewards and the Scottish TUC. After a five-hour meeting in Glasgow on Sunday it was announced that there was little common ground. No date was fixed for a further meeting.

in three

tiers proposed

A suggestion of a three-tier system for disclosure of finan-cial information by public and

private companies was suggested yesterday by Mr Stanley Clin-ton Davis, Parliamentary Under

Secretary of State for Com-panies, Aviation and Shipping. He told the Industrial Society that for small companies man-

aged by their owners the present level of disclosure was

already orguably too high. He was speaking on government proposals for new disclosure requirements for companies

Looking ahead, he said it may well be that they would move into a three-tier system.

the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Arbitration Service were present at the talks, but only as observers. So serious is the situation, however, that, despite its lack of official involvement, Aras was talking to both sides last night to try to close the

Meanwhile, moves were being made to ask Mr Jack Jones, of the transport union, and Mr Hugh Scanlon, of the engineers, to intervene in the dispute. The strike, the most serious

since the Government stepped in to rescue Chrysler, has stepped all production of Avengers and the new Sunbeam small car. All 7,000 menual employees at Linwood

that the dispute is only sympto-natic of long-standing labour problems at Linwood, Another strike which has become deadlocked has stopped all car and commercial vehicle production at Vauxhail factories. More than 18,000 workers have been laid off since 3,000 electricians, sup-rotted by other skilled workers, walked out just over

a week ago. In an unprecedented gesture, Vauxhall is paying full wages to the 18,000 because most are in favour of the 10 per cent

wage offer Leyland's problems eased vesterday when 600 vehicle inbeam small car. All 7,000 spectors employed at Long-manual employees at Linwood have been laid off.

The talks became bogged because Chrysler is insisting the Mini and Allegro.

Accounts system | British Shipbuilders sales team to visit Hongkong

Industrial Correspondent

Britain is planning to send top level ship sales team to Hongkong next month in an attempt to interest shipowners to build in United Kingdom

yards. There has been considerable contact between Hongkong's shipowners and senior execu-tives of British Shipbuilders, the state shipbuilding organiza-tion established in July.

markering policy.

Mr. Gerald Kaufman, the
Minister of State for Industry,
is at present in Hongkong and he is expected to emphasize the opportunities in British yards.

Hongkong's owners represent one of the most influential groups in world shipping and traditionally they have had a large part of their tonnage

built in Tapan. Few have placed orders in Britain recently, and those that have taken delivery from United Kingdom yards have expressed irements for companies
oking ahead, he said, it
well be that they would
e into a three-tier system.

Financial Editor, page 21; be accompanied by Mr John and cost criteria. reservations on British yards ability to meet delivery dates

Yard chooses Ampex for fingerprint system

The fingerprint comparison system inaugurated by New Scotland Yard last week is scottand rard last week is based on a Videofile installation provided by Ampex Corporation of California. In essence the system combines television recording techniques with computer-based process control and data management to store and retrieve records of fingerprints.

The prints on file are visually compared with those of suspects or those obtained at the scene of crimes by fingerprint officers at the Yard.

About 2.5 million fingerprints are held on the police national fingerprint collection. To transfer these to videotape for the new automated system will take about two years, it is estimated.
Videofile will be used by the
Fingerprint branch of New
Scotland Yard's Criminal Investigation Department, which provides an identification service for the London MetropoliComputer news

police organizations. This branch has two main operations: the main bureau, which provides identification of arrested persons by fingerprint comparison with those of con-victed prisoners; and "scenes of crime", which attempts to identify latent prints collected

where crimes are committed. Most identifications are now made from manual comparison with the fingerprint forms housed in the national collec-These are based on a classification system developed b. Sir Edward Henry an adopted by the Yard in 1901. Under the Henry system, there are 1,024 primary classi-fications of fingerprints; when combined with individual finwith no prints at all.

Manual searches can take a long time, since the Henry classification is not unique to an individual. The Videofile system will cur the time needed system will tur the time needed for print comparisons, so reducing the number of men required to service the main lingerprint collection by one

Magnified pictures of finger-prints will be recorded on videotape. When the main bureau receives a request to identify an arrested person (an average of about 2,000 a day), basic information will be fed into the police national computer system av Hendon.
The Hendon computer will identify likely respondents; the Videofile system will then extract print images from its tape library and transfer them on to a work in progress"

tupe for viewing by a New

ger patterns these give more Scotland Yard fingerprint than one million possible file officer on one of four terminals. The terminals use a split-The terminals use a split-screen technique which shows the suspect's priots on the upper half of the screen, for direct comparison with prob-able matching prints on the

> To identify latent prints found at the scene of a crime, a separate computer in the Videofile system is used. This is a Data General Eclipse minicomputer, working on Ampex software to provide comparisons with files of known and unidentified criminals prints via 16 terminals. About 55,000 comparisons are expected to be

The Yard's Videofile and related services are valued at related services are valued at about £2.9m. According to Colonel John Owen, chief-engineer, New Scotland Yard, the system will pay for itself in about 10 years. about 10 years.

Meriden to scrap flat rate system on wages

A mass meeting of the 600 strong labour force at the Meriden Motorcycle Co-operative, voted yesterday to end the equal pay-for-all agreement which has been in force since March, 1975. the co-operative was formed in

At that time the Meriden At that time the mericent men's willingness to accept identical pay packets, whatever their jobs, played a significant part in persuading the Labour Government to provide the f5m purchase price set by Meriden's Purchase Price set by Meriden's Villiage. Norton

Yesterday the Meriden work ers voted unanimously for the introduction of a graded incen-tive scheme based on output to supplement their present £58 a

week flar rate. The details have still to be worked out by a joint manage-ment-worker committee, but unofficially it is thought that about £5 a week will be an attainable average increase. Mr John Rosamond, the worker chairman, is insistent that the self-financing scheme

mat me sent-manning scheme
will be within the government's
pay guidelines.

Loyelty to the enterprise,
born out of an 18-month sit-in,
came under pressure when the
company got into trouble early
this year.

But with healthy order books again, there is work for another 40 men. The problem is how to attract recruits at wages well below those paid in local fac-tories.

Export prospect for AGRs

seen as brighter

Mr Frank Tombs, chairman of the Electricity Council, yes-terday questioned the tradi-tional view that Britain's advanced gas cooled reactors (AGR's) have poor sales prospects abroad in competition with light water reactors.

Mr Tombs told the Institution of Electrical and Electronics. ics Technician Engineers that

based his reappraisal of the

AGR exports prospects on the fact that the safety criteria in all countries were "getting more onerous". People are looking for saferthan-safe reactors. Although the light water reactors are per-fectly acceptable on safety grounds rules, the AGR has more to offer and we should be able to sell it just because it is different from water re-actors."

Energy needs: North Sea oil and coal are likely to provide three quarters of Britain's total will pay for itself in energy consumption this year, according to short-term forecasts prepared by the Department of Energy.

actors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

London Transport: case for cutting passenger miles increase

From Mr John Argenti
Sir, I disagree with Mr Flower
October 17) on so many points tive for LT is more likely to be concerning London Transport's hair e passenger-miles every corporate objectives that I two decades." hardly know where to start. I believe a corporate objec-

I believe a corporate objective should say what the organization is trying to do for whom. This sort of thing: "provide a refuge for battered wives" or "give shareholders a return on their capital". But his proposed objective of "passenger-toiles" tells us nothing like this at all. I believe this is decause it is really an operational objective, a management indicator on the same level in a hierarchy of objectives as, say, pupil-teacher ratios or share of the market—and that is a long way down from the level of ceeded my target my boss gave me a bonns and I do not re-member it stopping me from aiming for a bigger bonus the following year. He also says a target need not be verifiable. Does not the

way down from the level of ment becomes impossible. corporate objectives. As for stiming to maximize passenger miles, or increasing them beyond today's level or beyond some forecast level, for

beyond some forecast level, for whose benefit would that be? I can understand LT managers being delighted to aim to achieve this, so would LT employees, but what about the tax-payer and the car driver? Does LT still not understand that, as we all grow richer, we shall want to leap joyonsly from their buses anto our quiet, private, flexible, punctual, polite, comfortable, obedient cars? JOHN ARGENTI

Voice of reason for the City

From Mr Eric Ogden, MP for From Mr A. C. B. Urwin Liverpool, West Derby (Labour) Sir. Mr Richard Hol Sir, Peter Quienen's defence of the City (October 25) in react-ing to Eric Moonman's fine article is pathetic. I really do despair of the way the City lashes out every time a reason-able attempt is made to examine its strengths and weak-peece. And make no mistake examine its strengths and weaknesses. And make no mistake
this particular Labour MP is
noted—not only for his competence and experience of
British industry but also because he represents the moderare stream of his party.

If Mr Quinneo and his friends cannot live with Mr Moonman then they should not be too surprised if the extreme left of the Labour Party win the day at conferences and at trade union branches when the trade union branches when the cry is "The only way to get business and the City to function properly is for total state control". The apparent inconsistencies in Mr Moonman's articles in the moonman's sistencies in Mr Moonman's article are much less important than the fundamental approach and the style he advocated. Surely wiser heads in the City than Mr Quinnen will want to follow up Mr Moonman's ideas with the same degree of honesty and courage which he has shown. has shown. ERIC OGDEN,

two decades".
Mr Flower says a target should always be set unattainably high. A target that is attainable provides no inducement to do better, he says. Since when? Last time I ex-

entire basis of modern management rest on the cycle—ser a target, check progress, take corrective action? If the target is not verifiable management to the corrective action of the target is not verifiable management. simply do not know what he

has in mind.

I know what I have in mind.

I think the entire public sector (with honourable exceptions) has biddled about for tions) has bludged about for three decades now trying to decide what they are supposed to be doing for whom. Not having the slightest idea they take refuge in meaningless jar-gon like "maximize passenger-miles".

Pettistree Lodge. Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Buying property to aid industry

Sir, Mr Richard Holloway's letter ("What pension funds buy", October 24), is misinformed in many ways but there is one which I would like to single out for comment, for it is besed on a comment. for it is based on a complete misunderstanding of the mech-anism by which all private and public sector funds invest over-

For many years now under the Bank of England exchange control regulations investment overseas has only been possible with currency purchased from an existing holder of overseas assets or by borrowing the currency concerned

In the case of the Electricity Supply Pensions Funds prop-erty investment in the United States has been financed by back to back loan arrange-ments, the express aim of the trustees being that a corre-sponding American investment in this country would be in-dustry orientated and close to the point of production. This aim has been achieved and the resultant investment has been of value to the economy and A. C. B. URWIN,

Electricity Supply Superannuation Schemes, London, SW1P 4RD.

Laws that iobless total

From Mr S. R. G. Banks
Sir, Any action that government takes to reduce unemployment must be welcomed but Mr Healey is misleading himself, his colleagues and the nation if he believes that economic measures alone can reduce unemployment significantly. The root cause of unemployment today is the effect on small business employment policy of the Employment Protection Act and the Redund-

ancy Payments Acts. In my own case I cannot possibly engage new staff younger than myself for, if I did, I am guaranteeing a massive bill for redundancy payments when I retire, if I am to engage new staff at all I must compare the marginal profit to be gained with the potential

cost of making a mistake.

The penalty for unfair dismissal can be as high as £12,000 and in the experience of associates will cerainly be in excess of £1,000, including costs, area, other the explorer to a second costs. even where the employer was, by all reasonable criteria, fully justified in dismissing staff, There are few business oppor-tunities likely to produce sufficient marginal profit after

sufficient marginal profit after penal direct taxation to justify that sort of risk.

Large businesses in the normal course of events do not increase employment, indeed their very justification is the increase in output per head by improved methods and reductions in management. tions in mannower. Any increase in employment can, therefore, only come from expansion of employment in the small business sector. Unfortu-nately, so long as the Employment Protection Act, Redundancy Payments Acts and penal taxation of marginal profit continue unchanged, the employed such as myself will continue to be unwilling and unable to take on additional

staff. S. R. G. BANKS. Petherwyn, Carnegie Road, Berkshire,

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From Mr E. F. Northcete that the Chancellor's latest con-cessions give no specific help to married couples with child-ren. The figures are as

follows: Married couples, both in employment £88.40 a ye Married couples, wife fully £88.40 a year employed on rearing children E54.40 a year Single persons E34.00 a year No wonder the birth rate is so dangerously low.

EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE, 91 Cottenham Park Road 91 Cottenham Park Road.

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LEGAL NOTICES Company Petition 1977 Company Application No. 303 of 1977.

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H. W. J. CHRISTMAS. Official DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF DOCTOR, 1977.

G. A. WEISS. Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES Company Petition of 1977
Connected with
Company Application No. 302
of 1977.
IN the High COURT at CALCUTTA
Original Jurisdiction

the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator,

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

DEMOGRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

Ministry for Energy and the Petrochemical

Industry Entreprise Nationale Sonatrach Marketing Division Home Market Directorate

International Invitation to Tender No. 2/77

As part of a programme for the setting up of 31 inte-grated plants for the distribution of petroleum pro-ducts (fuels, bitumen, lubricating oils, LPG, etc). Entreprise Nationale Sonatrach invites, in respect of 7 units, tenders for the design, supplying of equip-ment, the construction and commissioning in Algeria of the following:—

Five (5) integrated distribution plants for secondary Two (2) integrated distribution plants for primary

One (1) drum filling centre for LPG. Specialist companies interested in the project may obtain copies of the tender specifications as from the date of publication of this notice upon payment of the

> SONATRACH Division Commercielisation
> Direction du Marche Interieur
> Immeuble El-Djamila
> 1 Place El-Qods

Hydra, Algeria Telex: DPI 57.799 DZ Tenders accompanied by the necessary documenta-tions should be placed in two sealed envelopes, the outer one of which is clearly marked:—

"A ne pas ouvrir—soumission—A.O.12/77" and be send by registered post to Entreprise Nationale Sonatrach at the above address to arrive not later than December 30, 1977. Bidders shall be bound by their tenders for a period of

Any bid tailing to comply with the above requirements shall be disregarded.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CORPORATION OF LONDON THE EPPING FOREST ACT 1878

More Legal Notices appear on page 12

STANLEY F. HEATHER. Comparation and City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF BROADCAST **TRANSMITTERS**

SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT

The Government of Sierra Leone is inviting Tenders for the supply of TWO MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTERS as specified below:—

(i) 2 x 10 KW Medium Wave Transmitters

New Aerial Array System

Electrical Installation/Accessories

Rehabilitation of existing building

Test Equipment

2. Tenders for the supply of the above are limited to the following major electronics firms currently manufacturing, and are being solicited on the basis of international competitive bidding:-

Marconi, Chelmsford, England

Rhode & Schwarz, Munich, West Germany

Brown Boveri, Zurich, Switzerland (iii)

Thomas-CSF, France (iv) R.C.A., Jersey, England (v)

N.E.C. Tokyo, Japan S.P.A. Radionica. (viii)

3. Tender may be selected from the point of view of technical excellence of product. easy access to spares, technical maintenance guarantees; delivery period, installation and training terms, and cost of equipment.

4. Tender documents can be collected as from 21st October, 1977 either in person from :-The Permanent Secretary,

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,

Freetown or by mail by writing to :-

The Head of Chancery,

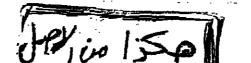
Sierra Leone High Commission, 33 Portland Place, London, W.1, The Head of Chancery, Sierra Leone Embassy, 69 Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, Paris 75008,

The Sierra Leone Embassy, Ubierstrasse 83, Bad Godesberg, West

Germany, Embassy of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Via Paolo Frisi, 44, 00197 on payment of a deposit of L50 (fifty-leones) which will be refundable on receipt of a bona fide

5. Tenders should be sent to the addresses listed above in sealed envelopes marked TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF BROADCAST TRANSMITTERS before noon on Tuesday, 29th November, 1977. 6. The Government of Sierra Leone does not bind itself to accept the highest or lowest tenders.

> P. G. DEIGH, Permanent Secretary.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Gilts get the message

However reluctantly it may have been taken, yesterday's decision to let sterling rise is excellent news for the gilt-edged market. It is first and foremost a reassertion in the belief that control of the money supply is

regarded by policymakers as the too priority.

There had come to be some doubt on that score. Earlier this year it had been possible to sell gilts on a sufficient scale to neutralize the effect of the foreign currency inflows and simultaneously to hold the pound stable in terms of its Smithsonian index. Latterly the inflows have no longer been containable in this way, and it will be profoundly reassuring to financial markets that, when something had to give, it was the sacred cow of export competitiveness rather than the monetary targets.

It is true that, if the higher parity achieves its objective and the inflows abate, an important factor which has fuelled the rise in gilt prices will be eliminated. It is certainly bard to see Minimum Lending Rate going anywhere other than up. But initial indications from the continent yesterday did not point to a sudden cessation of investment in British financial assets, and if it is once seen that the Bank of England is intervening to hold the pound back at a higher level the hot money will come flowing in

quicker than ever.
For equities the prospect of lower inflation via a strengthening pound is not a wholly un-mixed blessing, however. Losses on exchange rate conversions and pressure on export margins will intensify existing worries about corporate profitability next year and point to a period of some uncertainty in the immediate future for share prices.

But real living standards will now be rising more strongly and the short term effect of the stronger pound on the balance of payments will be to increase it before the competitive disadvantages work through. Add in the prospect of higher dividends, unimpaired by the pound's rise, and shares still look more likely to go up than down.

Profits

Export margins will be squeezed

The near two point improvement in the terms of trade between the second and third quarters this year says more about the Jonger-term competitiveness of British exports than all the less than sanguine forecasts on the outlook for exports next year that have started to seep out of some manu-

facturing groups.

For although some of the gain in the terms of trade has been due simply to sterling's appreciation, it has been fairly apparent that exporters have been reasonably successful in restoring profit margins closer to levels ruling this time last year when sterling was under pressure. There is, however, a limit to how far this can go and it is a fair assumption that exporters will have to take the lion's share of yesterday's appreciation in sterling on margins since otherwise they will be squeezed out of world

There is, it is true, little evidence from exchange rate eats into export potential with quality, delivery dates and so on affecting competitiveness as much as price. By the same token, though, there is little practical evidence about the elasticity of British exports and at the moment few would probably disagree that they are fairly price-

> Short-term, then, sterling's rise will inevitably squeeze export margins although in the medium-term there should be some offset from reduced cost pressures at home as lower import costs work through to industry. Whatever the final outturn the immediate effect must be to knock even more of the shine off last year's market leaders like overseas traders and insurance brokers, while shipping, whose costs are in sterling and revenue in foreign currencies, is already in the doldrums for other reasons.

Stock Exchange

A challenge on commissions

Is The Stock Exchange operating a cartel? Possibly, says the Office of Fair Trading, and duly sets in motion an elaborate procedure which could put The Stock Exchange's rule book and its commission rate structure in front of the Restrictive Practices Court. It could be two years before that happened,

Certainly, it is being seen as a long-term put the only case.

threat at a time when the market has plenty

of short-term problems to deal with. More-over, since one of the results of the OFT's action might be forced abandonment of the fixed commissions structure, The Stock Exchange reckons it has a good defence in that the two-year-old era of negotiated com-missions in New York has brought havoc to the market there in terms of the failure

rate of brokerage houses.

If negotiated commissions were introduced in London under a Restrictive Practices Court edict there would undoubtedly be similar consequences. Whatever institutional investors may say now they would be bound to seek the best dealing price available, and in the fight for survival in a competitive environment some would be cutting commissions

It is clear, too, that under negotiated commissions the jobbing system which is unique to London would be placed under serious stress in its present form since pres-



Mr Gordon Borrie (left), director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, and Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of The Stock Exchange.

sure from brokers to act in a dual capacity

role could become uncontainable. ,
As the OFT starts detailed investigations, then, The Stock Exchange will be raising the spectre of the carnage that could result among member firms if fixed commissions

Company disclosure

Horses for courses

Prompted both by passed and intended EEC directives on Company Law, the Department of Trade is tinkering with a far more complex but fairer system of disclosure than exists under current legislation. Thus Mr Stanley Clinton Davis talking to the Indus-trial Society yesterday said that it may well be that the United Kingdom will move into a three-tier system of corporate disclosure a shortened simplified form for small companies, an extended version of the currently required reports and accounts for medium sized companies and comprehensive accounts, on the lines suggested in the It would reduce substantially the prob-lems of both the Accounting Standards Committee in drawing up rules for the presentation of accounts which must apply equally to large and small, and of the Auditing Practices Committee, which is still in the throws of producing strict guidelines for checking the disclosure a company has

But altering the rules on disclosure alone, will not be enough. It is impossible to divorce disclosure requirements from the requirements of company audits. Disclosure which is not audited is almost worthless, whereas auditing of unnecessary disclosure is expensive, time-wasting, and potentially misleading in that an auditor may be pronouncing on figures, which he has not real reason to qualify, yet, because of the smallness of the concern,

cannot properly identify. A solution would be to return to the posi-tion prior to the 1967 Company Act where very small companies were exempt from filing returns. But that would take away at least some protection to creditors. The department has so far set its face against a change in the form of incorporation for small companies which would keep limited liability but take away the need for a full audit. Accountants disagree over the merits of such a proposal while there are legitimate worries for two-tier disclosure for public companies. The whole question of disclosure and audiring is open to debate. It should not be left to the accountancy profession to

David Blake takes a look at the reasons behind the decision to let the pound float

Mr Healey sticks to his

monetary targets

STERLING

£/\$ spot rate

1976

a whole the domestically generated rate of inflation has been

higher than that of our trading

partners of a time when our exchange rate has been tending

The ending of phase two of pay policy wid almost certainly lead to a renewed widening of

In the short-term therefore

the effect will be to accentuate a loss of competitiveness which

has been occurring already.

it is about to go up because of financial pressures. Some of the

strain will be taken by profits; and some by a fall in export volume and thus of output.

These are some of the points which make the Treasury unhappy about what has happened; but did they have any choice?

It has been clear for some time that the goals being pur-

The decision to let the pound float up yesterday was forced on the authorities by the con-tinuing inflows of recent weeks. But its true genesis goes back much farther than that, to October, 1976, when minimum lending rate was raised to 15 The meaning of that action

was that under the pressure of financial crisis the Government intended to put observance of its monetary targets above everything else. The decision to ler sterling go up means that even now that the external crisis has passed the money guidelines still have priority. The first thing to realize is that the Treasury has not been converted to international monetarism, with its belief that a rise in the exchange rate is the means by which tight money supply targets cause lower inflation.

The old rules are still thought to apply; for every rise of 5 per cent in the pound's value, the inflation rate is reduced by

Even the international monetarists themselves would concede that in the short-term the cede that in the short-term the relation is not one to one; in their latest Economic Outlook the London Business School asserted that the anti-inflationary impact of a revaluation takes four years to come through fully, and that even after 18 months only half the effect has been felt.

Over the next year, the effect of any change in parity will be only to a small extent on the inflation rate (though we can expect that to be exaggerated as much now in an effort to talk down union wage demands as it was dismissed earlier on in an effort to justify the policy of holding the pound

The most obvious impact will instead be on our external account, with a leap in the terms of trade to a higher level leading to a larger surplus than expected over the next six months, followed by a downturn in the volume of exports.

in the volume of exports.

Export volumes have been growing very sharply this year. This is no accident but a reflection of the competitive advantage which was gained in 1976 through the pound's slide. That tslide reduced the relative price of British exports to little more than 85 per cent of their March, 1973, level, according to the index constructed by the Morgan Guaranty Trust. Morgan Guaranty Trust.

It has been clear for some since then the pound has stopped falling and appreciated sued by the authorities were in-

by 14.9 per cent. The relative consistent. At the centre of price index is now above 100 these policies has been for some and will rise further as a time the guideline that sterling time the guideline that sterling M3 should rise by only 9 per cent to 13 per cent over the result of the float.
Some of the loss of competitiveness shown by this was caused by an acceleration of current financial year. inflation which was in turn caused by the higher import prices produced by the 1976 devaluation; but much of it comes from the fact that for 1977 as

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This target first emerged at the end of last year when the International Monetary Fund visited London, but events since then turned it into a much tighter policy than originally expected.

expected.

The monerary growth this year was expected to be on top of a total sterling M3 stock of around £42,000m; in fact money supply undershot the Government's target for 1976-77 by just under £2,000m. this differential as pay settle-ments result in earnings in-creases of more than 10 per

In most countries where monetary targets have been applied for a long period of time by authorities who really believe in them, the targets are rolled over, so that extra leeway would have been left for monetary expansion this year to compensate for the 1976-77 undershoot. undershoot.

It is probably significant that the latest CBI Industrial Trends survey published today will In the United Kingdom the exact opposite has happened. Because the total money stock survey published today will show that 51 per cent of exporters now find that price is a major constraint on their ability to sell abroad, the highest figure recorded apart from one occasion in 1972 (when the figure was 65) and one in 1975. The difference between then and now is that both those surveys came just as the pound was about to be allowed to slide to restore competitiveness; now it is about to go up because of at the beginning of the year was lower than expected, the permissible increase in money supply during 1977-78 was also lower. That was one element making the task of the authorities more difficult.

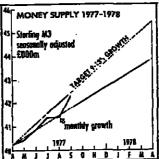
As monetary targets become part of economic policy, there ought to be some serious thinking about the form which they take, with a switch to rolling monetary targets so that one year's undershoot does not lead unintended tighte Such a switch is also desirable because the present system means that by the second half of the year the cards are stacked very heavily against the authorities in any particular

really afford to experiment with to restore confidence at the one idea which does seem to have been considered which was going above the 13 per cent guideline for a month or so and then allowing the out-

flows which would result to bring down the money supply. For such a policy to have had even a chance of working it would have had to be continued for so long that the Government could not have been sure of bringing the money supply back within the guidelines.

More important than these problems of exactly what kind of money supply targets should be adopted have been the unexpected and unprecedented inflows. Money supply has two broad components: the domestic element of government borrowings from banks and private bank leanding; and the external one of net inflows (which add to the money supply) or outflows which reduce it.

The domestic side of the equation has been far smaller this year than expected, as one revision downwards of govern-



ment borrowing has succeeded another; but the forecasts on the external side have been wildly out.

The current account was ex-

pected to be around £1,000m in deficit and will turn out to be in surplus (due to a combination of domestic sluggishness and good external performance). The capital account was expected to be in deficit of the order of about £1,000m this year, whereas it will turn out to be massively in surplus unless the hot money which has flowed in flows out. No one should be too cen-sorious about these mistakes.

Many of those who have said in recent months that the pound was undervalued and that huge inflows were inevitable argued after the IMF visit that not enough had been done and that

into the year already meant a new sterling crisis would that the Government could not break. The Treasury's concern

standable. But when it became clear in July that the major hurdle for sterling-the breakdown of talks on a formal incomes policy to replace phase two-had been successfully sur-munted, the authorities were slow to realize that in order to pursue their goals they would have to shift the emphasis of

They seem to have considered a whole range of options and rejected all of them at the end of the day as either unworkable or politically undesirable.

For a long rime the front runner seemed to be at least partial easing on movement capital out of the country, balance the flows in. This

was rejected for two reasons.

One was a fear that as soon as restrictions were lifted there as restrictions were lifted there would be huge flows of long-term capital out of the country, which would soon be followed by the hot money which had come in, provoking a sterling crisis all over again.

That, combined with the known opposition of the Labour Perty to overseas investment seems to have been enough to

seems to have been enough to

Restrictions on inflows do not seem to have been looked at as seriously. Technically they are messy and can be got round after a period of time, though by then the problem they are meant to cope with may have been resolved. The real objection seems to have been one of embarrassment; it looks very stupid to have controls to keep money out and to keep it in.

The other option for the Gov-ernment was the one which they tried and which failed; lower short-term interest rates to discourage money coming in and keep the yield high on long-term stock to encourage the money that does arrive to stay out of the money supply. As so often in the past, the

lesson of the failure of this policy is that the power of markets is such that governments just do not have the staying power to outlast those speculating against them.

Now that the pound is rising, and likely to go even higher than its long-term equilibrium before it starts to fall again, we

Preparing the ground for the two-week dole payout

In spite of Civil Service trade union criticism, the Department firmly, however, and the union of Employment has been found themselves faced with experimenting for nearly two the possibility of a big political battle on ground which they would not choose for such a struggle. So they "susnightly instead of weekly inter-vals so as to reduce staff and

And the unions are joining with the department in monitor-ing the experiment, which takes the form of a pilot study at 36 offices in 18 areas scattered over the country.
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administrative costs.

When the DE first announced the plan, the unions representing most of the 20,000 staff involved—the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants—jointly denounced the idea. It would not only be detrimental to the unemployed, they said, most of whom would have great difficulty in budgeting for two weeks at a time. ing for two weeks at a time, but also the plan would threaten the jobs of their mem-bers and thus add to the number of unemployed served by the remaining staff.

the remaining staff.

That they are nevertheless cooperating in the pilot study arises from a long struggle. As part of the general campaign by public service unions against the cuts, announced by the Government in July last year, the CPSA took industrial action in the form of a ban on the in the form of a ban on the collection of DE statistics, which lasted from last November to January. For a time unemployment and other figures not available.

a struggle. So they pended" the ban.

In the course of meetings with the unions, Mr Albert Booth, the Employment Secretary, pointed out that Govern-ment policy obliged the depart-ment to make cuts somewhere ment to make cuts somewhere and suggested various possibilifortnightly benefits seemed to the unions the least of the

Mr Booth promised a deteron the scheme would be taken mutil Mr Booth had considered the report of a joint working party on the pilot study after the experiment had ran three

Eventually the joint working party was set up. Now an official and staff remesentative together are visiting all the offices taking part in the

Large cash savings are certarke cash savings are made by Giro cheques sent by post to the unemployed the day after they register. To haive the postage and reduce the preparatory work for a large proportion of them could well save several million pounds. Reductions among the staff

Eric Wigham

are more problematical. The present weekly payments are made in arrear. So usually are fortnightly payments in other countries which have adopted the countries which have a possible to the countries of the countries which have a countries to the countries of the countries which have a countries to the countries of th the system. But in the British pilot scheme they are being made one week in arrear and one in advance.

If an unemployed person gets a job before the end of the second week, he is expected to pay back the sur-plus. This may happen quite innocently if the job is unmended attempt to avoid any immocently if the job is unredundancies among staff expected and there have been handling benefits. No decision a number of cases of people a number of cases of people returning the extra money on temptation to hold on to it is strong especially since there is usually a wait of a week before the first pay packet is handed out. Much staff time may be taken up in investigating sus-

pected cases of fraud. Fortnightly payments have advantages as well as dis-advantages for the recipients. advantages for the recipients. The cost of travelling to the benefit office by public transport is halved. Some find registering distasteful and are pleased to have to do it as infrequently as possible.

On the other hand, they may tend to look in less frequently

at the job centre or employ-ment office to inquire about

But the present computer-based job-finding arrangements enable the office to let people know when a suitable vacancy is reported and random inquiries may distract the staff from this systematic work. I accompanied working party

representatives to a pilot-scheme benefit office at Step-ney, where it is divided from the employment centre only by a long passage.
Stepney is in an area where many of the unemployed are "irinerants" staying at local lodging houses, and many others

are merchant seamen, neither group suitable for formightly payments. The area covered is a compact one, so that fares to the office are not an important factor. One or two of those to whom I spoke travel to the office in their cars.

If recipients ask to go back to weekly payments, they are allowed to do so, but not one in a hundred has made the request. Most of them probably request. Most of them probably do not know that they can and regard the change as one of those unaccountable official aberrations which have to be accepted and made the best of. Labour difficulties at the local post office caused delays in the arrival of the Girochenne on one operation on the

new job openings, particularly angry unemployed gathered in if the employment centre and benefit office are in the same building, as many of them are.

angry unemployed gathered in the office to complain. But generally the mechanism of the new system has worked spioothly

sure on those offices where the growth of unemployment has resulted in congestion. There was ample space and no queues to speak of when I was at Stepney.

There is still a possibility of a revival of the controversy over the plan. The unions have said they will submit a separate report from that of the working party if necessary and some CPSA branches have declared they will not implement the scheme if it is introduced nationally.

trade unionists take the view that they are entitled to fight against Government policies which they think are mistaken and are against the interests of their members, others hold that in the end they have a duty to accept the decisions of the elected government of the day, however ill-advised, and to operate them to the best of their ability.

However, it is unlikely a national scheme will be intro-duced before September next year. There will be detailed consultations after the working party has reported, and the views of social welfare departcheques on one occasion, so that ments taken into consideration some were not there in time and some minor legislation will for the weekend shopping and have to go through Parliament.

Business Diary: Hyde and seek • Reynolds' return

Bill Hyde, the chief accountant of Oxford University, is perhaps on unlikely fellow to chair a committee whose job it is to moduce clear and simple guideines for inflation accountingout his acquaintance with pracical matters began early.

Hyde is chairman of the subommittee of the Accounting tandards Committee which is bout to publish inflation ecounting guidelines following

omplex proposals produced by lougles Morpeth's Inflation accounting Steering Group. The proposals of Morpeth, a enior parmer of accountants outhe Ross, were turned down y the Institute of Chartered accountants as so complex as

he rejection last July of more

n be unworkable. It has fallen to Hyde, who rarted as an office boy with ne old Liverpool Gas Company nd qualified in his spare time, nroduce simpler proposals. ney will cover much the same round-cost of sales, addi-onal appreciation and effects f inflation on debt-but will e supplementary to rather than the place of historic accounts. He acknowledges the debt to lorpeth, and told Business iary yesterday: "I feel a bit a fraud. I have been chairan of a straightforward workig party which did not have do any fundamental workter was already done by the lorpeth committee. It was all

This will be Hyde's first big ep into the limelight. ep into the limetizat. though at the heart of the



deflating inflation accounting

university's establishment and responsible for the books of an organization employing thousands and having a turnover of £30m a year, only in the last year or so has he even become a public figure at Oxford by taking up a fellowship at Lin-acre College.

Michael Reynolds, who de-parted from the chairmanship and managing directorship of Spar (UK) in July after a row and was last seen heading for Taiwan, is back in London and in business

in business. After years of working for big organizations (British Home Stores as well as Spar),

Reynolds, who prides himself as a negotiator, is setting up shop on his own.
"I had several attractive offers when I left Spar", he

told Business Diary yesterday, in an analysis of them all very careful consideration. I decided finally, however, that what talents I have would be better employed, and I would, personably find it more simplified. ally, find it more stimulating, dealing with a variety of

Reynolds put up his plate yesterday at the offices of Robin Marlar, the former Sussex cricket caprain—turned headhunter—and eims to belp not only retailers but also the manufacturers against whom he pitted his wits for so long. " Food and non-food suppliers

spend a lot of money with the major retail outlets on such things as 'key money', product bonusing, and overriding discounts and it could be said that over the past couple of decades I have been responsible for extracting a lot of that cash from them", he says.

There are ways, Reynolds believes, in which the manu-facturer could make less of this below-the-line money work harder for him, adding hastily that this would be to the benefit of the retailer as well Reynolds is already putting his theories into practice on a restricts into practice on a variety of fronts. He is beloing Pearce Duff export their beef cubes, and advising Viskers, the Dutch suppliers of Chinese processed foods, who want to move into the United Kingdom.

Reynolds claims access to anybody who is anybody in the retail trade in Europe. For four years he was chairman of learnt to fly, including the Inter Group Trading, an inter-national group marketing in

Seventy-seven Miss World finalists should be enough to draw even the most jaded of City people back to their particular part of London for the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday week. As a foretaste, Miss United

States, Miss Australia, Miss Liberia and Miss Venezuela were among those at the preview of the procession given by the Lord Mayor elect. Air Commodore Peter Vanneck, at the Fishmongers' Hall, yester-All 77 will ride by on the day in two open-topped buses.

Competing for attention with the advance guard and Ven-neck yesterday were Walt Disney characters including two nice, a dragon-fly and an the advance guard and Vanneck yesterday were Walt
Disney characters including two
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albamoss about eight feet high.

If the entertainment value of
this year's procession will be
high, it has a serious theme
"Service and the City." Vanpersonal as well as City
interests.

He is also working for itseconserve, the continental canned goods company, who want
to develop an own-label range
for British distributors as well
as Spar Germany.

Reworlds claims access to sequences of which
the rank of will join the board as director of operations. It will be his
job to establish a network of
regional offices handling both

Some of the aircraft Vanneck Seafire, the sea-going version of the Spirfire and the Seafury, will feature in the processi along with the latest aircraft weapons systems,

Flying overhead will be Ninrod and Meteor sircraft. Vanneck, now a senior partner of stockbrokers Rowe Pitman, flew a Meteor in an aerobatic. team, and has the Air Force Another feature of the show

will be a flypast of six light aircraft of the Tiger Club, of which he is a member. In all there are 47 floats in the show, and 18 bands, mostly from the services. There will be 2,500 people taking part in the show, with the procession about 3,000 yards long, taking 33 minutes to pass.

sequently in the Royal set-up. Hans Tauscher, 45, the Auxiliary Air Force, of which present general manager of the commercials and cars. Until now Mercedes has kept

the two quite separate because it feared that the profitable car

business would suffer if too closely allied to the newer and struggling trucks and vans. with the parent Daipler-Benz committed to a £1,500m expansion and with their com-mercials well established in Britain, the company wants to make better use of available management talent.

Tauscher left Bast Germany as an 18-year-old. He is not happy about giving details because those who helped him could still get into trouble. Let's just say I came out before they really sealed the border.

He came to Britain in 1968 to work for the newly created Ford of Europe and met his English wife, Eileen, at Ford's Warley headquarters. Today he is described by colleagues as "more English than the English—he even thinks in Eng-lish".

this year's procession will be hely and usually reflect ins high, it has a serious theme personal as well as City with a longer title than this neck says.

He has strong links with two of the armed forces, serving as a regular in the Royal Navy during the war and sub-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of December 2, 1973, between Standard Oil Company Ian Indiana Corporation) ("the Company") and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Fiscal Agent, the Company has exercised its option to and will redeem, on December 1, 1977 (the "Redemption Date"), all of its then outstanding 81 s. ("Notes Due 1980 (the "Notes") at the redemption price of 100,5% of the principal amount thereof (the "Redemption Price"), together with accrued interest to the Redemption Date.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Homes to cost a lot more—Barratt chief

By Bryan Appleyacd

The balance sheet of housebuilder Barratt Developments has emerged strongly from a difficult veer in which pretax profits fell from £9.7m to £7.4m. Thanks to a £10.1m release from deferred taxation to reserves the annual report shows that the group has been able to write off £6.7m of goodwill. Shareholders' funds are thus boosted to £38.4m against a restated £33.7m last year.

Borrowings have been contained with loans of £2.65m and bank overdrafts of £19.2m making a total of £21.85m against £20.8m last year.

Mr Lawrence Barratt, chairman, points out that the bank overdrafts represent about half the group's facilities and that the total amount invested in land and work in progress, coupled with the value of property investment, comes to 667m. Comparing this with the borrowings he says: "I feel we are well in balance and will continue to remain so?" continue to remain so."

Elsewhere in his statement Mr Barratt says that the damage inflicted on the house- crease.

building industry in the past year "has probably been un-equalled in post war years". Turning to the future the picture becomes considerably rosier. Mr Barratt is confident that the group is taking advantage of the recent upturn in the industry which has been stimulated by the full in

interest rates.

He sees scope for increasing market share in private housing and points to the three year supply of land available as well as a national shortage of good quality housing at

reasonable prices.

Mr Barrett says that the concern is receiving "excellent support" from the building societies and he forecasts: "House prices must rise substantially within the next twelve months and the better climate should enable margins to improve during the course of the year." In addition, the lower

interest rates promise an up-turn in the contracting work-load and property investments. which now produce a rent roll of £1.3m, should steadily in-

United Glass joins in battle for Redfearn

By Our Financial Staff United Glass, the container manufacturer jointly owned by Distillers and Owens-Illinois, has joined the takeover queue for Redfearn National Glass. It was also instantly referred to the Monopolies Commission.

This follows the reference of both the 300p cash per share partial offer from Rheem Interantional and the 320p cash and shares offer from Rockware Group last month.

United has clearly made the move so as not to be left in

United has clearly made the move so as not to be left in the cold. It has about 34 per cent of the United Kingdom glass container market. Rockware has about 32 per cent and Redfearn around 17 per cent. If the Commission had given the go-ahead to Rockware or

Rheem, a competitive bid from United could then have been held up by a further reference.
United now understands that the Commission will rule on all three suitors at once so yester-day's move is largely a holding action to keep all the company's options open.

Meanwhile Mr Vic Hender,

managing director of United Glass, said that the group planned to increase capital spending to about £15m next year, 50 per cent up on this

year, 50 per cent up on this year.

The company expects total United Kingdom demand for bortles and jars to rise by up to 6 per cent this year compared with 1976 with unit sales rising from 6,670m to 7,000m. A further rise of 2 per cent is forecast for 1978.

Marchwiel fails to please City

By Alison Mitchell
Below par profits from
Marchwiel Holdings knocked
almost £2m off the value of the group yesterday as the shares shed 12p to 274p, at one stage.
Although pre-tax figures for the six months to April 30 last showed a 23 per cent rise to £5.4m, many had expected better things from the building, civil engineering and public

works contractor.
Turnover did little more than mark time in the period climbing from £77.9m to £82.8m.
According to Mr Alfred McAlpine, chairman, this reflects a downturn in orders in the United Kingdom. In all fields of construction, orders are difficult to obtain and although the expected reversal of spending cuts for the industry must help, he warns shareholders that

there is unlikely to be any major expansion in the United Kingdom in the foreseeable

This view was underlined by the market yesterday where disappointment in last week's £400m Government aid to the industry trimmed the price of

many leaders in the sector.
Finance director Mr D. Spray
pointed out that although the industry welcomed any reallocation of funds the package was not a large amount compared to the total turnover of the indus-

try.

The way abead for Marchwiel appears to lie abroad. Last year around 25 per cent of turnover came from overseas. The chairman admits that the growth of these operations has not been as rapid as planned, but both gross would still leave the net turnover and profits should payment covered four times.

The group is tendering for four large contracts, in different four large contracts, in different countries, and winning any of them would "materially affect" its position. The orders are in the region of £20-£25m each Second half profits are expected to maintain their growth in similar proportion to large year, which would see the

last year, which would see the group earning about £14m pre-tax. And shareholders are promised a maximum final dividend of 3.6p gross which gives a total of 5.2p for the year.

The dividend is already covered 13 times and the directors promise to raise it, in line with profit performance, as soon as Government restrictions are lifted. Hoisting it to around 20p

Kaiser and Alcan in £9.3m deal

By Edward Townsend Kaiser Aluminum, the American corporation which controls the Anglesey Aluminium smelter in the United Kingdom, said yesterday that it had reached agreement in principle to sell its 25 per cent stake in Alcan Booth Industries to Alcan Aluminium (UK).

The cash sale is worth about \$159m (about £9.3m) and Kaiser said this was about £1.46m below the book value of its interest in Alcan Booth. The deal, which will give Alcan 100 per cent ownership of the febricating subsidiary, is part of Kaiser's continuing policy of rationalizing its European operations,

This has included the restruc-turing of shareholdings in Anglesey and full owership of a smelter in Germany.

Alcan Booth operates a num-ber af aluminium rolling mills and extrusion plants in the United Kingdom and last year achieved external sales of £149m against £112m the previous year. Its pre-tax loss of £4.3m in 1975 was turned round to a pre-tax profit last year of £5.6m.

MARCHWIEL HOLDINGS

Interim Statement for the year ending October 31st 1977

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	£'800	£.000	£.000	I
Group Turnover	82,853	77,916	182.251	ı
Net Profits before Tax	5,290	4 381	10.731	l
Net Profits after Tax	3,430	2.103	6,388	İ
Proposed Interim Dividend	1.0p	Q.9p		Ì
Anticipated Final Dividend	2.4 _p	2.15p		Į

Profit has continued to move upwards during the first six months of 1977 although turnover has remained relatively static.

This reflects the downturn in orders in the United Kingdom and indeed orders in all fields of construction in the United Kingdom are currently difficult to obtain. The expected partial reversal of spending cuts for the industry must help the situation, but we cannot expect to see any major expansion in the United Kingdom in the foreseeable

Overseas good opportunities still exist for expansion, although the time gap between receipt of tenders and award of contract is generally much greater than in the United Kingdom. Currently several large tenders in different countries are under consideration and the award to us of any of these would materially affect our position.

Virtually every company in the Group is contributing satisfactorily to profit and, whilst the growth of our overseas operations has not been as rapid as planned, both turnover and profit should show an increase for the full year on the preceding twelve months.

Overall, Group profits for the second half of the are expected to maintain their growth in similar proportion to last year.

The proposed interim and anticipated final dividends are the maximum payable under current legislation. The Directors are, however, aware that the shareholders in this company have been particularly hard hit by dividend restraint and it will be the intention to raise dividends in line with profit performance at the earliest opportunity.

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Sir Alfred McAlpine Group of Companies

York celebrates record leap at **Electrocomp** The shares in York Trailer Holdings rose by 6p to 76p on news of the board's upgrading of the profits forecast for this shareholders in the annual report that the £10m unsecured

Progress continues at Electrocomponents, Britain's leading distributor of electronic components. Interim profits have more than doubled and results for the full year should

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 have ballooned to £3.25m and the sales increase achieved in the second half of 1976-77 has contiqued. Turnover jumped from 19.6m to £15.2m. Although the 19.5m to £15.2m. Although the ner profir increase is big the board says it should be borne to mind that in the first part of 1976, sales prices were held down to absorb the excess profit markin in terms of the price code brought forward from 1975-76.

In his annual statement in August Mr R A Marler chair.

August Mr R. A. Marler, chair-man, said that the directors were consident that results for were consident that resums to the full year would once again be "an enviable pleasure to re-

The good results helped Electrocomponents to defy the general trend and the shares rose 3p 10 298p.

ment which started last year.

pre-tax profits of R. H. Cole

more than doubled from E345,000 to £789,000 in the first

half of this year. Turnover was up from £8.16m to £12.51m. After slumping from £1.42m to

After slumping from £1.42m to £301,000 in 1975, profits recovered to £901,000 last year. Raising the interim payment from 2.3p to 2.54p gross, the directors view the second half with caution, but consider the year's results "will reflect a material improvement on 1976". Cole covers electronics, plastics and chemicals.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUE

Statistics from Midland Bank show the amount of "new money" raised in the United Kingdom by issue of marketable securities in October was £130.8m, a fall of £8.5m o nehe rotal for September. In first 10 months of this year £1,213.9m has been raised compared with £1,411.8m in same period of 1976.

Eport Credits Gurantee Department has guaranteed a \$23m (oan to Comite Departmental de Obras Publicas de Sama Cruz of Bolivis to assist in the finance of a \$31m

Business appointments

Associated Paper post

Mr J. A. Graham, managing director of the converting division, is to be group managing director of Associated Paper Industries.

Mr P. R. Lister, managing director of the papermaking division has resigned from this position and as a director for benith reasons.

Mr Eric Pereira has taken over as regional director of Air-India in the United Kingdom from Mr Saneck Dalal who has retired.

Mr David Jones has become managing director of Contis Finance. Mr Jones has been manager of the company since 1974.

manager of the company since 1974.

Mr Roger Baker, managing director of Tennant Gouranty, and Mr Ronald Clarkson, managing director of Tennant Trading have gone on to the board of C. Tennant, Sons & Co, the parent company.

Mr Roger Baker, managing with overall responsibility for buying, marketing and retailing; Mr Gordon Lattam continues as joint managing director with overall responsibility for finance, and architects; Mr Harold Dealdn, trading director, and Mr Alex Thomson joins the board as buying director.

NEW CAPITAL ISSUE

BOLIVIAN LOAN

Cole doubles in first half

with preference issue secondary banking crisis, Chairman Mr Edward Hatchett tells

borrowing facility from major shareholder. The Prudential Assurance Company — though never fully drawn down—has In the first nine months of

this year, pre-tax pro-its reached £1.8m, more than the f1.18m made in the whole of 1976. Moreover, the directors are lifting the July prediction of the year's pro-tax provits from at least £2m to not less than £2.2m. If achieved, these would be a record for York's would be a record for York's twenty-first year of operations in the United Kingdom. Shareholders will also get an

of a scrip issue in preference shares. It will be on the basis of one preference for every seven ordinary shares held. York will make over £14m from exports this year.

The latest results show that York made £657,000 in the third quarter, just above the second's £652,000 and a good rise on the first's £491,000. Dawnay Day Boats

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Briefly

contract award to Stone-Platt Industries for the supply of cotion spinning mill. The loan was arranged by Hill Samuel acting for itself and a syndicate including Midiand Bank and Midiand and International Banks. This takes the value of ECGD-barked foreign-currency loans this year to \$400m, and the total value of Roans inder consideration to \$3,000m.

Company announces the conversion of "promesses de vent" in respect of both Genn Evilliers and Chauvert in Paris into binding commitments. Completion will take place by November 4 for Genn Evilliers and within 30 days for Chauvert. This will clear all borrowings amounting to Fr80.5m.

The board of Graham Wood Steel Group is holding discussions which may lead to an offer for the company. A further annoucement will be made as soon as possible.

INTEREUROPEAN PROP

GRAHAM WOOD STEEL

£10m issue

Grampian Council's

of Unit Trust Services.

been repaid.

Target Life, which had a successful year last time, is now a step nearer contributing to profits and should benefit from the new on-line computer system

The chairman anticipates

The list of applications will open and close on Thursday for the issue by Grampian Regional Council of £10m 103 per cent redeemable stock, 1985, at £99 per cent. GRC covers a fast developing area including Aberdeen Perspect deen and Peterhead, which are important centres for the off-shore oil and gas industries. The running yield to 1985 is £10.859 per cent and the gross redemp-tion yield, £10 935 per cent. The loan is being underwritten.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE BRITISH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS

NORTHERN IRELAND

Fire and Consequential Loss Insurance of Commercial and Industrial Risks

available to owners of property in Northern Ireland which is damaged by terroristacts, under the terms of the Criminal Injuries to Property (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971. However, in many cases payments under insurance policies have been made and Insurers have eventually succeeded in recovering a proportion of their outlay when the policyholder has received compensation under the terms of the Government scheme. This can be a lengthy and complex procedure and Insurers have found that by accepting primary liability and relying upon eventual recovery, they have suffered a con-siderable duplication of work and expense as well as a heavy financial

Government compensation is

The Government have announced revisions in the compensation scheme which have been embodied in the Criminal Damage (Compensation) Northern Ireland Order 1977, and which provide clearer criteria for determining whether compensation is to be paid for damage resulting from

After very careful consideration of this new development, Insurers have decided for their own part to observe in formal terms the boundary between the Government's compensation scheme and insurance cover. On or after the date when the new legislation takes effect (1st April 1978) an

appropriate exclusion will apply. The wording of the new exclusion clause is aligned closely with the provisions of the Government Compensation Order. The standard policy wordings used by Lloyd's Underwriters will be amended to incorporate the same

Under an insurance policy, cover will continue to operate whenever damage occurs otherwise than through terrorist action. In practice, this will be determined by whether the Chief Constable issues or witholds a certificate under the provisions of legislation.

If a certificate is granted, then the owner of the property can proceed with his claim for compensation under the Government scheme. If on the other hand a certificate is withheld a claim can be made against the Insurer covering the risk and this will be dealt with under the normal terms and conditions of the insurance policy.

Some policies applicable to property in Northern Ireland have longstanding extensions in respect of riot, and sometimes, malicious damage cover and after the application of the new exclusion clause these extensions will continue to provide cover but only in respect of such damage which is unrelated to terrorist activities.

Insurance cover in respect of dwellings in private occupation is not affected by the alteration.



MALAYALAM PLANTATIONS

Issued Capital . . . £2,718,032 in 10p shares Secretaries and Agents Harrisons & Crosfield, Limited

Year ended PROFIT AND DIVIDEND 31.3.77 31.3.76 Remittances from India £102,433 £718,812 Profit earned in the U.K. 136,365 **74,52**1 £793,333 £238,798 Taxation 89,406 196,187 £597,146 £149,392

(£200,000) Transfer from General Reserve Dividends for year (1.15p per £312,574 £397,512 **CROPS HARVESTED**

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Bear closers keep index above 500

ment decision to let sterling ment decision to let sterling rise shares fully vindicated the chartists' case by finding support at around 500 on the FT Index after suffering an early slump.

Though this early reaction

"bear" closing and bargain bunting lifted prices over a broad from and by the close the index was just 3.8 off at 505.5.

While a firmer pound is likely to 620p and Royal down 4p to 434p.

Major exporters to lose ground included Beecham, down 10p to 637p, Unilever 12p to 572p, BAT Industries 12p to 512p, BAT Industries 12p to 512p, BAT Industries 12p to 525p and BSR which slipped disappointment with last week's

Though this early reaction was the reverse of that which occurred when a similar move was made at the end of July performance. most were not surprised because The move goes a long way of the adverse effect on the towards resolving the fixed-major exporting companies of incerest market's doubts over major exporting companies of a firmer pound.

Set against an already indifferent outlook for corporate profits in general the move brought a heavy bout of early selling and by 1 pm the FT Index was 12.4 lower at 496.9. But thereafter a combination of

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still lower interest rates the general implications of the move are far more favourable for the gilt-edged market and this was reflected in a strong

First thoughts about Chloride Group recovering strongly from at 200p.
its long strike are giving way to second ones. There is now Takeov to second ones. There is now an invoression that the strike hort, and that the group will this year to March 31 next be hard put to it to match the £26Am of profits made the year before. The shares have weakened from 121p at the beginning of September to 101p now, but "cheap buyers" are inclined to hold off until the interim bulletin next month is out.

the money supply and though a little off the top as profits were taken long dates closed with gains of up to a point and three quarters. A largely neglected shorter end was mostly at around overnight

Because of their high content of overseas earnings insurance shares did not join in the afternoon rally. Among the worst hit were brokers CE Heath, off init were brokers CB heath, or 13p to 222p, Alexander Howden 11p to 159p, Willis Faber 10p to 268p, Sedgwick Forbes 8p to 315p and Hogg Robinson which dipped 7p to 169p. The composites did not escape the trend with Guardian Royal

10p to 106p.
In the food sector Rowatree,

another exporter, dipped 5p to 420p, while elsewhere in that sector George Basset rose 2p to 140p on favoureble comment and for the reverse reason Thos Borthwick dipped 9p to 81p. Tate & Lyle continued to lose ground after the prices probe and shed another 6p for a close

Takeover activity featured coin dealer Spink & Son, which jumped to 306p at one stage on last week's news that more than one party might be interested in a rakeover. The shares closed 13p to the good at 298p. Graham Wood attracted speculative support rising 11p to 56p while Evode was another in demand finishing 14p ahead at

In electricals United Scientific soared 16p to 243p on a dividend burst boosting rights issue and Electrocomponents firmed 3p to 298p after figures. Exporter Thorn, however, had an unhappy time losing 12p to 422p. An adverse circular hit shipping shares with British & Commonwealth losing 6p to 280p. P & 0 3p to 116p, James Fisher 8p to 122p, Ocean Transport 4p to 129 and Hunting Gibson 5p to 235p. Stores generally, lost ground with generally, lost ground with typical performances coming from Gus "A", down 6p to 332p and Mothercare 4p to 204p. But Hepworth rose 3p to 69p after the capital plans gave rise to talk of a takeover.
Though the fall in interest rates

Building issues had to con-tend also with the communing disappointment with last week's Government help. Particularly hard hit were Taylor Woodrow, off. 14p to 466p, and Costain where the drop was 5p to 290p. After below par figures March-wiel closed 8p off at 278p There was a mixed showing from the clearing banks but elsewhere in financial Glanfield Securities rose 13p to 265p on demand in a thin market.

After hours Graham Wood, already strong, gained more ground on news of an approach while Redfearn reversed an

Up 20p to 150p in the last two trading days has gone Wolf Electric Tools. Though the market is small demand has market is small aemang has been persistent and sellers hard to find. The word is that current trading is very strong and benefiting from a strong export content. There was no specific talk of a bid though some would not discount it altogether gether.

early. 3p rise when it was learned that there might be a third possible contender. York Trailer rose 6p to 76p on nine-months figures and a scrip. Equity surnover on October 28 was £110.21m (18,435 bargains). was £110.21m (18,435 bargains).
According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, Shell, BAT Inds, Beecham, Distillers, P & O, BP, Gus "A", Grand Metropolitan, GKN, Dunlop, Imperial Group, Spink & Son, De Beers, Mills & Allen, United Scientists, CE may be over property shares Heath and Orme Developments.

Latest results

Company Sales Int or Fin £m R. H. Cole (I) 12.5(8.1) Ch. Is. Int Inv (I) —(—) Electrocuppus (I) 15.2(9.6) Fundinest (F) —(—) R. Goodwin (F) 3.7(3.1) Graig Shoping (I) —(—)	Profits £m 0.78(0.34) 0.06(0.06) 3.2(1.5) 0.51(0.43) 0.40(0.28) 0.38b(0.24b)	Earnings per share -()()() 2.53(1.84)()	Div pence 1.68(1.5) —() 2.4(2.0) 1.4(1.0) 0.50(0.5) 4.0(5.9)	Pay Year's date total 12/12 — (3.3) — (12.5) — (4.5) 30/11 2 4(1.9) 7/12 0.50(0.5) 15/12 — ()
Graig Shoping (I) —(—)				
Marchwi Hidgs (1) 82.8(77.9) McNeill Grp. (1) 6.6(7.7)	0.30(0.69)	-(-)	Nji(1.25) 35(—)	(2.8) 30/12 -(-)
Preston Mines (F) —(—) Rio Algom (F) —(—) Sükolene (I) 4.3(3.3)	-(-) -(-) 0.49(0.18)	5,7(2.2)	54(—) 0.75(0.56)	29/12 108(100) 20/12 —(1.9)
Sorec (I)() Unilex Hidgs (I) 5.4(5.4)	1.7c(3.3cd) 0.17(0,22)	4.92(8.99d) 3.49(4.68)	Nil(6.5) —(—)	— — (6.5) — — (2.75)
Dividends in this table are sho are shown on a gross basis. pre-tax and earnings are net	wn net of tax on To establish gross	multiply the n	et dividend by	1.515. Profits are snown

Utd Scientific's £2m US takeover

By Victor Felstead With plans for a £1.7m rights. United Scientific Holdings is to make a major takeover in the United States. The shares

jumped by 16p to 243p yester-day. United has signed a condi-tional contract with the princi-pal shareholders in Optic pal shareholders in Optic Electronic Corporation of Dallas to buy "not less than 80 per cent" of Optic's capital. Under the terms, United will

buy the shares at an estimated price of US \$12.15 a share, which is variable within the which is variable within the range of \$11 to \$13.30, depending on the final audited figures for the half-year to September

The total price is expected to be "in the region of \$4m"— which is about £2m—depending on the percentage bought. on the percentage bought,
The importance of this takeover can be judged from the
fact that Optic's main customer
is the United States Defence
Department, which accounts for
over 90 per cent of the order
book.

It designs and manufactures and mechanical fire

control equipment for tanks, self-propelled artillery and guided missiles. Optic is also the largest inte-



Mr John Robertshaw, chairman.

grated electro-optical manufacturing facility in the United States, supporting the military, navigation guidance and fire total of 2.94p gross.
control market at both GovernUnited has establish ment, prime and first sub-contractor level.

fire control equipment for the M60 rank, the United States main battle tank.

The United States concern's

meeting. For the year to June 30 the company is paying a 15 Swiss franc dividend against 14

Rio Algom, the 51 per cent

owned Canadian subsidiary of

the United Kingdom mining house Rio Tinto-Zinc, increased

consolidated net earnings in

the third quarter of the year by 14 per cent from CS7.97m to \$9.07m. Profits for the nine

months to the end of Septem-

ber have risen by 41 per cent

to S34.3m. A dividend of 54 cents a share has been declared. Renegoriations of uranium

export contract prices and in-

creased earnings in the steel

operations have mainly been

responsible for the nine-month

increase. Earlier in the year Rio Algom made it clear that

recurring nature.

Swiss Bank Corp

Mr Peter Levene, United's managing director, said the two managing director, said the two companies together were pro-bably the largest of their type in the world. The potential in export markets was "just enormous »

United's board will recommend shareholders to grant an option to executive directors of Optic on 160,000 United shares
—about 2 per cent of the undiluted equiry. The price would
be 135 per cent of the market
price of United's shares immediately before the announcement of the takeover.

United's issue will be at 165p United's issue will be at 165p a share on the basis of one share for every eight held. The dividend will rise to 9.09p gross on the bigger capital for the year to September 30, 1978. Treasury permission has been given. The total payment for 1976-77 has not been declared, but for 1975-76 United paid a total of 2.94p gross. United has established a posi-

tion as a major supplier to ontractor level. overseas governments for opti-It is the main contractor for cal fire control instruments. The ownership of a manufac-

turing facility in the United States will go a long way to pre-tax profits are about \$1m ment of United's design and

Stock Exchange calls a halt on dealings of Carborundum

30.72m francs.

Rio Algom ahead

A temporary suspension on 1976 period, even when expres-the dealings of the Carboruo-dum Company of America at 3.10 pm in London yesterday pending the lifting of the trad-ing half on the New York Cond-ing half on the New York Conding halt on the New York Stock

The group produces a variety of materials and equipment in francs in the previous year out four categories, principally of net profits of 32.75m Swiss abrasives. It has received a francs (about £8m) against formal proposal offering to purchase any or all of the outstanding shares of the company.

The board is now considering

the proposal. It is expected that an announcement of the board's decision will be made in the next few days.

The group declined to reveal the name of the company

involved, or details of the oroposel. Earlier this year, Carborundum announced that it had acquired more than 90 per cent of the shares tendered of Weyburn Engineering Company. The group has plants in Britain,

United States and West Ger-

Peugeot-Citroën

In the first half of this year, Peugeor-Citroën, the French car manufacturers showed a pro-visional net profit of 54m francs (zbout £6m).

There is no comparison as year that its balance sheet total In rose by 3.5 per cent in the third geot quarter to 55,600m Swiss the group was set up last year as the result of a merger. In the first half of 1976 Peugeot SA reported profits of 113.8m francs and Citroen SA 2.88m.

Int Pirelli boost

to 20,000m francs from 19,500m The total due from banks rose 6.1 per cent to 26,000m francs

Lockheed exports

Half of the Lockheed Cor poration's order book, worth \$4,000m (about £2,352m) is for overseas customers and only 33 per cent for the United States government. The other 17 per cent goes to American com-mercial customers. This is requarter results for the year to September 25 which produced net earnings of \$21.9m compared to \$9.1m in the same quarter last year. Total net earnings for the first nine months were \$47.4m (\$31.3m). Increased profits were attributed principally to increased sales and profits on the C-130 Hercules transport (major parts of which are produced British Aerospace at Prestwick) the Trident submarine-launched ballistic missile and several overseas service contracts.

Hudson Bay Mining

a significant part of increased Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, part of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa operations in Canada. uranium revenue was of a nonhas passed its quarterly divi-dend following a third quarter loss of CS2.38m compared with Swiss Bank Corporation says rose by 3.5 per cent in the third quarter to 55,600m Swiss francs (about £13,500m) from 53,700m Swiss francs in the previous quarter. The bank, one of Switzerland's big three, said that customers' deposits rose last year. Losses on the base page and the page of the page and the page of the pag Internationale Pirelli SA says

2.9 per cent in the third quarter metals side and, to a lesser that sales of its subsidiaries in to a record 29,000m france extent, in fertilizers offset the first nine months this year from 29,000m. Total advances profits from the industrial were higher than in the same to customers rose by 3 per cem interests and oil and gas.

This issue is made in accordance with a General Consent given by the Treat under the Control of Borrowing Order, 1958.



GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ISSUE OF £10,000,000 GRAMPIAN **REGIONAL COUNCIL**

102 per cent. Redeemable Stock, 1985

by the Grampian Regional Council and Issued in accordance with ions of the Local Obvernment Socialand Act, 1975, and the Local Authority Stocks and Bonds (Scotland) Regulations, 1976.

Price of Issue £99 per cent.

On Application of the Control of the 139 per cent.

arost (loss income tax) will be payable half-yearly on 31st March and plember. A first paymoul of £2.4648 (loss income tax) por £100 Stoci mado on 31st March, 1978. The Stock is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule Trustee Investments Act. 1961.

A. Redemption of Stock.—The Stock will be redeemed at par on 30th September. 1985, unless previously cancelled by purchase in the open market or by agreement with the noiders.

5. Registration.—The Stock. When fully paid, will be registered and transferable free of charge. In motibiles of one pound, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963 at Chydesdale Bank Limited. Registrar Department, 20 St. Vincent Pisco, Glassow G1 2HL.

6. Interest:—Interest (less income tax) will be paid half-yearly on 31st March and 30th September by warrants, which will he sent by post at the risk of the stockholder's). In the case of John accounts, the warrant will be forwarded to, the person (feel samed in the account unless instructions to the contrary are given in writing.

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writing commitment.

3. Statistica.—Reguling to the Grampian Regional Council.

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Product of a rate of 10 in 2—1977.78 (estimated)

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\$2.15.86.650 £167.374.595

Prospectuses and application forms can be obtained from—
CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED
New Issue Dopartment. 30 Lombard Street, London ECDV 9BB, and principal offices of that Bank.

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PEMBER & BOYLE
P.O. Box 455, 50 Firebury Circue, London ECCP CHB.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Woodhill House. Ashgrove Road West, Aberdeen AB9 2LU.

By Order of the Council,
J D. MACNAUGHTON.
Chief Executive.
T. E. CARTER,
Director of Finance.

The List of Applications will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd November, 1977, and will close at any time on the pamp day. APPLICATION FORM

Grampian Regional Council 10² per cent. Redeemable Stock, 1985

Issue of £10,000,000 Stock at £99 per cent. CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED.
New Issue Department, 30 Lomberd Street, London EC3V 9BB.

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IMI means more than metal

IMI is a remarkable group of companies built by developing related

interests and skills. Each company is free to pursue its own course for profit, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Each company's progress is supported by IMI's corporate resources.

Hence the impressive growth of the group as a whole.

The facts speak for themselves:

1966 turnover £69 million (IMI's first year as a public company).

1976 turnover £404 million.

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to 30 September 1977 are:-(unaudited) (unaudited) (audited) £000's 2000's 22,849 External sales 15,225 9,600 4,537 1,588 Profit before taxation 3,258 1,594 Corporation tax at 52% 826 2,363 1,564 762 2,174 Profit after texation TRADING RESULTS AND PROSPECTS

The sales increase achieved in the second half of 1976/77 has continued and comparison of the first six months of this financial year with the same period in 1976 reflects an increase of 59%. Whilst the net profit increase is very substantial, it should be borne in mind that, in the first part of 1976, sales prices were held down to absorb the excess profit margin. In terms of the Price Code, brought forward from 1975/76.

Business in the Group's distribution companies continues very buoyant and the Board is encouraged by the progress achieved in the new company. Electrospares, which began trading last August. Whilst the situation at Reading Windings is still cause for concern, the further steps taken to increase efficiency appear to be taking effect.

The Board is confident that the full year's results will show a continuation of the Group's

TAXATION PROVISION Although Corporation Tax has been provided for at 52% in this interim statement, the accounts for the full 1977/78 linancial year will anticipate the pending Standard on Deferred Taxation,

progress achieved over the last few years.

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and the effective tax rate will accordingly be lower. At a Board Meeting held on 31st October, 1977, the Directors declared an interim dividend of

2.4p per Ordinary Share, absorbing £240,000. This compares with an interim dividend in 1976 of 2p per share. Dividend warrants will be posted on 6th January, 1978 to members on the Register at 5th December, 1977.

Britain's biggest electronic components distributor

MARKET REPORTS

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Metal prices drop on advance of £

Prices on the London Metal Exchange declined sharply yesterday following the sharp appreciation of sterling. In copper, cash wire bars were down £21.25 and three months fell £21.

Standard Cash tin went down by £127.50 and three months fell £112.50. Cash lead was £3.25 lower and three months was £3.25 down. The falls in zinc were £8.50 and £14. Silver lost between 6p and 7p in the ring.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash 7p In the ring.

COPPER, —Afternoon.—Cash wire bars. £640-11, a marice ion; bireo months. £652-30.50. Sales. 9,475 tons (mainty carries). Cash cathodes, from the carries of the carries o

Wall Street

New York, Oct 31. Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed mostly lower, ending a string of three straight gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.33°, points at 818.35. Some 690 issues declined against about 650 gainers. Volume totalled 17,070,000 shares, down from 18,050,000 on Friday.

Brokers said the advance of late last week was turned back by an unfatronrable economic outlook and an apparent new rightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve.

Short term money market rates shot higher today as the Fed indicated in its moves that it was again tightening credit policy. indicated in its moves that it was again tightening credit policy. The Fed has been steadily rightening policy this year in its fight against inflation. Higher rates attract money from the stock market into fixed income securities as yields rise. The higher rates also make business expansion more expensive. Vetco was the most active issue and was unchanged at 23½. International Telephone & Telegraph was active and abead ½ at 30. A block of 331,600 shares of the issue traded at 29°. Coca-Cola was off ½ at 37½ and Pepsico was up

Silver closes 4.20c up

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Commodities HOME-GROWN CEREALS AUTHORITY
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F. COPSON CO. LTD.

Results in brief	1977	1976
	£	£
Group Turnover	3,799,992	3,365,374
Profit Before Tax	161,851	151,609
Dividends paid (after waivers)	15,645	14,008
Earnings per 5p share	1.98p	1.80p

- * Once again the Group has increased profits and more than maintained its share of a reduced market.
- •• For the current year, every effort will be made to maintain and improve both turnover and profits, and I shall be disappointed if this goal is not achieved. 59

F. Copson, Chairman and Managing Director

ACTIVITIES: - Suppliers of heating equipment and builders' materials. Installers of warm air heating equipment.

7 Foreign Exchange

Within minutes of the London markets opening yesterday the pound had climbed nearly 64 cents to \$1.8430, which was its highest level since May 3, 1976. Profit taking clipped back the gain to \$1.8250, then renewed demand quickly built up when transatiantic markets began operating with the nound soaring to a peak of \$1.8435 hefore reverting to \$1.8405 which was 6.33 cents above Friday's close of \$1.7772. The effective exchange index gained a full 2 points at the opening calculation of 64.5 stipped back to 64.3 at noon, before finishing at its hest ever level of 64.6 at the close, compared with 62.5 on Friday.

The dollar remained on other The dollar remained on olfer with the German mark firming at 2.2505 (2.2620), along with the Swiss franc 2.2320 (2.2380), and the Dutch guilder 2.4225 (2.4265).

Gold gained \$50 an ounce to close in London at \$161.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

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Discount market Lombard St enjoyed comfortable credit conditions yesterday and houses were able to rule off their books at the end of the day without assistance from the Bank of England. In fact, there was probably a surplus left in the system to carry forward to today.

Rates started in the region of 43-43 per cent, but soon came down to about 41 per cent, where much of the day's business was done. As the day wore on, so rates continued to fall. Closing balances were found down at 3 per cent and perhaps even slightly lower for a fortunate few.

The market had a net take-up of Treasury bills to finance, and there was a small sum to be repaid to the Bank of England after Friday's loans to the market. But banks' balances were carried across the weekend in a full state, and there was an excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer.

Money Market Rates

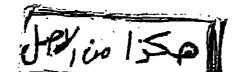
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UK metal stocks Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 3.375 to 630,075; tin down 205 to 3.400; lead up 700 to 62,825; zinc down 1,625 to 64,400; silver up 120,000 troy ounces to 19,030,000.

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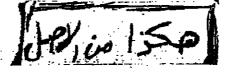
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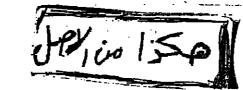
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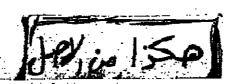
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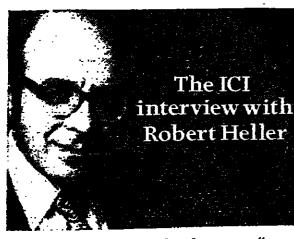




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Environmental pollution has become a "cause celebre" in recent years. There have been some visible improvements - the air in our cities is measurably cleaner. But what about other, less obvious types of pollution? To find out how ICI is tackling one aspect of the problem, Robert Heller questioned Philip Chipperfield, Head of ICI's Brixham Laboratory, one of the world's leading authorities on dealing with water pollution.

Heller: To many men in the street, the industrial company is seen as a kind of blundering, selfish out who given half a chance would have the entire planet polluted.

Chipperfield: That's really an illogical idea when you come to examine it... after all, industry consists of ordinary people who share, with the public at large, a growing awareness of the need to preserve the natural order of things. Dealing with pollution involves a strong element of self-preservation which some conservationists don't I think, appreciate.

Heller: But accidents can still happen - either from ignorance or sheer mishap.

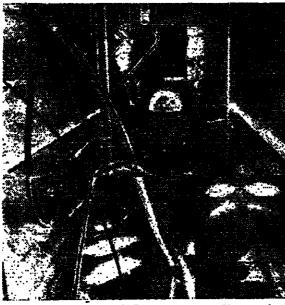
Chipperfield: Of course. But one of the things I've seen develop over the years, not only within ICI, but with all major chemical companies, is a much greater awareness by all people in a plant of the hazards involved, and of the importance of following the correct procedures.

Heller: To avoid prosecution?

Chipperfield: More than that - social responsibility is involved, as well as the law and economics. In fact, industry's record in Britain is pretty good and certainly at least equal to any other country.

Heller: How can one measure the reduction of pollution?

Chipperfield: Over the past seven to eight years there has been a constant improvement – at the present time over 86% of the 17,000 miles of rivers in England and Wales are classified by the Department of the Environment in the two top classes of purity and less than 4% are considered badly polluted.



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Heller: Let's get down to specifics. What exactly do you do here at Brixham?

Chipperfield: For many years ICI was the only company actively involved in the whole field of water pollution research. We began in the early 1950's. Our main job is to provide all parts of the company with a comprehensive advisory and investigatory service on the treatment and disposal of liquid wastes and related problems. This involves hydrographical, biological and chemical surveys of the discharges of effluents into rivers, estuaries and coastal waters – using our own minihovercraft and diving team when necessary. Then there is the detailed lab work – investigating the possible effects of effluent and chemical products on fish, or sewage treatment processes, for instance.

Heller: What other things do you do?

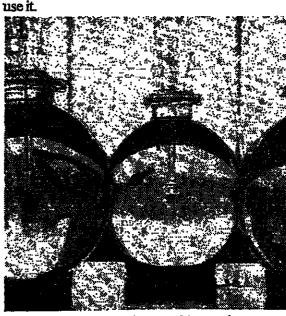
Chipperfield: We also supply an external consultancy and information service to other industries, consulting engineers, water authorities and so on. And we work closely with national and international trade associations and with government departments.

Heller: Has legislation added vastly to the costs of constructing chemical plants in this country?

Chipperfield: Effluent treatment and disposal, in terms of overall capital cost, can range from under 2% to 15% of a particular investment. But it's very difficult to disentangle the direct effect of legislation from the belief, certainly in ICI, that the environment should be free from hazard and pleasant to live and work in. Clearly, it is no more desirable or necessary to live in filth and squalor industrially than in the home.

Heller: Is there any new treatment technique that has been developed recently in the laboratory, which enables you to do things you couldn't do before?

Chipperfield: Well, our principal contribution to biological treatment we call Flocor. Basically it's a kind of corrugated plastic, which the effluent flows over; the plastic holds a film of bacteria in contact with the water flowing over it. These bacteria take in oxygen and oxidise the effluent as food, producing water and carbon dioxide. Distilleries, breweries, food industries, organic chemicals industries



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Heller: Has your work here at Brixham become in a sense easier today? Presumably most of the problems you see have been answered before in some way?

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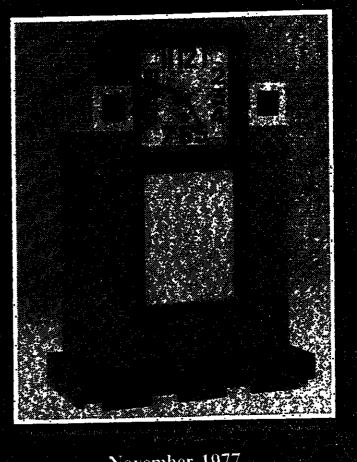
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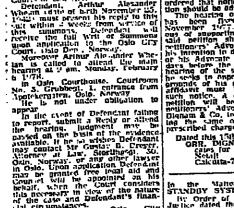
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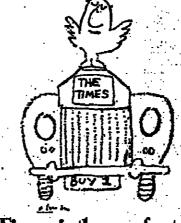
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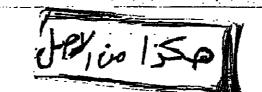
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If the European Community is not to stagnate it must mobilize popular support

Consumers must be given a voice inside the councils of the EEC

One of the most persistent critmic Community is that it acts sion devoted to consumer proas a giant producers' cartel, tection against those devoted And it is true that, despite the to producers' interests, the dis-

The founding fathers of the would not have understood this criticism. Surely, they would have said, the mere creation of a common European market would ensure that the forces of competition would work to the consumer's benefit, breaking up national cartels and guaranteeing efficient and customer-oriented firms

We know now that life is not so simple. If he is to exer-cise his rights, the consumer needs more information than the market sometimes gives him. Paradox cally, harmoniza-tion measures designed to facilitate the movement of goods across national frontiers often work to the consumer's detririon and reducing the range of choice. Who feels enthused by "Eurobread" or "Eurobeer"? Moreover, the most impor-tunt area of Community inter-

Common Agricultural Policyis one where the voice of the consumer has until recently been singularly absent. Food prices throughout the EEC are determined by ministers whose collective interest is to protect the incomes of farmers. Only in the United Kingdom does the agriculture minister have the interests of the food consumer written into his brief; and not all British farm ministers have taken that part of their responsibilities too seriously hitherto (though Mr Silkin may be an exception).

And it is true that, despite the efforts of the past few years, the voice of the consumer is still far too weak in Brussels.

The founding fathers of the Environment and Consumer Protection Service, and the number of administrative staff involved is in single figures. the large numbers employed in directorates-general Agriculture or the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs.

Similarly, in the Economic and Social Committee the main consultative body on EEC policy—two thirds of the seats are held by represent-atives of trade unions or employers' organizations, while the consumer representatives have to share their quot of seats in the third block with a wide range of other groups such as teachers, local govern-ment, the professions and

It has to be said, however, that one main reason for this discrepancy is the weakness of the consumer organizations themselves throughout Europe, compared for example with the trade union and employers' groups. It is only in the past few years that the different national consumer groups in the EEC have combined to establish an effective Brussels office, and it is still modestly

staffed.

The contribution of British organizations to BEUC (the European Consumer Bureau), particularly that of the Consumers' Association, has been significant. This is one area where it can be said that the United Kingdom has played a positive role of leader. played a positive role of leader-ship within the E-

Measures designed to facilitate movement of goods across national frontiers often work to the consumer's detriment by reducing the range of choice

Community. Eirlys Roberts, the the Budget, Mr Christopher British director of BEUC, who Tugendhat, has spoken in the is about to retire, has been a same vein. doughty fighter on behalf of consumers in the corridors of power in Brussels.

But it has been, and remains, a battle against heavy odds. Merely to keep track of the vast number of directives and proposals affecting the consumer which are milling around in the Brussels machine requires more resources than currently exist in BEUC; and for effective representation of consumer in-terests in such sensitive areas as the Common Agricultural Policy or harmonization of standards of industrial pro-ducts, present resources are manifestly inadequate.

In fact, the present is a good time to review these resources, for a number of reasons. First, some encouraging noises have been coming out of the Commission itself. The Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr Finn Gundelach, has called for a bigger contribution from consumers to the debate on the EEC's agricultural objectives, and for positive sugges-tions for the reform of the

It is important that Europe's consumer organizations should be able to respond to these invitations—for they have not been all that frequent in the past It is important, too, that past. It is important, too, that the Commission be pressed to fill speedily the vacancies which still exist in the Consumer Protection Directorate, and that new life be instilled into the Consumers' Consultative Committee, which the Commission appointed to advise it in October 1973.

It must now be clear to everybody that if the EEC is to do more than stagnate, it must mobilize political support and enthusiasm among and enthusiasm among
Europe's peoples. That
requires far more sensitivity to
the wishes and interests of
consumers. It must also be
obvious that inflation is among
the greatest evile and weaknesses in our society at the present time, If the European Community is not seen to be fighting against inflation it will not command, and will not deserve, sympathy and support for its other objectives.

future of the Common Agricultural Policy, which is seen, rightly or wrongly, as one of the main causes of European inflation today. The Community, as Mr Gundelach is clearly aware, will ignore these factors at its peril. The instanct of Europe's leaders, back at the end of 1972, to try to broaden the appeal of the Community by embarking on new initiatives in the field of social policy, regional development, environmental and consumer protection, was plainly right. The tragedy is that so many of these initiatives have been stifled by political timidity or fled by political timidity or obstruction, and that their im-pact has been overshadowed by the growth of unemployment and inflation.

and inflation.

Thus the regional development fund was too long delayed, and when it arrived it was too small for its task. The social action programme has petered out, and has not been replaced. The programmes for environmental and consumer properties make slow progress. protection make slow progress, and in each case seem to have fallen victim—at least in some cases—to the Commission's besetting sin of excessive lega-

fare.

This is particularly true of consumer protection. Lacking clear political leadership, Commission officials have rended to promote harmonization for its own sake, regardless of the relevance or importance of the proposal. Too much of the time and energies of the small groups of people concerned, both inside and advising the Commission, have therefore been wasted on trivia. been wasted on trivia.

What is needed now, there-

I a positive role of leader. Common Agricultural Policy. This has obvious and imme- fore, is a movement away from within the European The British Commissioner for diate implications for the the negative concept of con-

sumer protection to that of active promotion of consumer interests; a greater infusion of consumer thinking into other areas of Community policy; a priorities to be pursuedfricularly as regards the reform of the CAP: and the provision of adequate resources, both inside and outside the Com-

These are not impossible rasks. The groundwork for an effective EEC consumer policy has been laid during the past few years. The institutions exist. There is a much greater degree of understanding and good will not least on the Com-mission itself, than in the past.

themselves, despite their weak nesses, are beginning to under-stand each other better and to work more easily together. In the United Kingdom at least, though not in all EEC coun-nies, there is effective minis-terial responsibility for con-If we could remember that

consumers are people, and not legal abstractions; that the object of economic activity is to maximize consumer satisfaction; that the institutions of the EEC exist for the peoples of Europe; that all those concerned in consumer affairs have a common objective, and not sectional interest, to promote; then, I believe, we might sctually get somewhere. I also believe that where we go in this field is of some importance to the future, not only of Europe, but of civilization.

Michael Shanks

there is good weather, too, but it went missing in a rather spectacular way on Sunday night, when the heavens came teeming down in so corrected an

outburst that several of the hardier spirits took all their clothes off and swam the entire length of Main Street, and then continued up the hill to the Opera House like so many

In Wexford, we thumb our noses at Euclid; the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. The elements combine to make the heart lift as soon as the lights of the heard lift.

side the town appear on the drive there through the gather-

comes in sight on the return.
The Wexford Festival lives very

much from hand to mouth, of course, and could not survive at

all if it were not for the stupen-dous amount of voluntary help

ir gets from the people of the

town. Now the organizers have launched an ambitious appeal,

wherewith they can build proper backstage facilities (they have no scene-dock, no workshops, no adequate dressing-rooms).

They deserve to get their money

heaped up, pressed down and running over; and if any mil-lionaire who loves good music, good living and good friendship

should happen to read these lines, let him resolve to visit

ing dark, and those never flag until Dublin

salmon ascending a leap.)

'No hope' if Russia stifles the human rights movement



Dr Turchin: the West must act

guished Soviet dissidents to arrive unwillingly in the West. He was told that he could go to prison or Israel. He has been in Lordon before going on to a job in the United States. He is a nuclear physicist and a friend of Dr Sakharov, and he was chairman of Ampesty. the Soviet group of Amnesty International.

His trouble started back in 1968 after he wrote a paper called The Inertia of Fear which circulated in the underground Samizdat. (Now rewritten as a book it is appearing in New York.) In 1970 he signed a joint letter to the Soviet leaders with Dr Sak-harov and Roy Medvedev. Its main argument was that every aspect of Soviet society, espe-cially the economy, would suffer without a freer circula-tion of information and democratic reforms. He says he has been proved right by the deterioration of the situation since then. The rate of growth has slowed deverges and consider the street of growth has slowed deverges and the street of growth has slowed deverges and the street of growth plies have deteriorated.

His main concern at the moment is the Belgrade conference, where 35 nations are reviewing the Helsinki agree-ment of 1975. He worries that ment of 1975. He worries that the West will not press hand enough for the release of the people the Soviet authorities have imprisoned for setting up groups to monitor implementation of the agreement. "It is nonsensical to discuss seriously the implementation of Helsinki while the serious to the serious the serious to the serious to the serious to the serious to the serious the serious the serious the serious to the serious the while such blatant violation continues", he told me. "The West must state that the Bel-

names of two of the most prominent activists—Dr Yuri Orlov and Mr Anatoly Shcharansky—have been men tioned by the Americans, but Mr Turchin and his friends had hoped that their release would be made a precondition for starting the conference, or at least for agreeing to end it. These people are so closely connected with the conference, he says, that if they stay in prison it would be seen in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe as a betrayal not only of them but of the Helsinki agreement. 'They had no political aims other than monitoring the extrement and columns the extrement and columns the extrement and columns. turing the agreement and collecting information provided by people who came to see them." The West's bargaining position is strong, he says. The Soviet leaders need the West more than the West needs them. In the Soviet Union the West remains a focus of attraction for everyone at all levels. It is the source of ideas and

Dr Valentin Turchin is the farther behind than it is now-most recent of the many distin- and the technological gap and the technological gap is still not narrowing. Respect for Western achievements is great, and so is the need to buy western goods and to remain in constant contact. "No member of the Politburo could gain significant support for an isolationist policy", he told me. "Theoretically the Soviet Union could close its doors and accept a slower pace of declaration. development, but in practice such a policy could be sustained only for a short time and for tactical reasons. The pressure for Western contacts

is too great."

Therefore if the West remains firm and united, which unfortunately it is not. which unfortunately it is not, says Mr Turchin, the Soviet leaders will have no choice other than to retreat. In Belgrade the West must begin raking active and open steps. "There is no time to lose", ne urged. There will probably be an annesty for non-political prisoners for the forthcoming sixtieth anniversary of the revolution. The Soviet Union should be reminded that the anniversary is a political event anniversary is a political event so it would be appropriate to release political prisoners.

Discussing the human rights movement in the Soviet Union.

Mr Turchin says that its mere existence has brought about a psychological change by creating a model of behaviour which is being closely watched by people of all types and at all levels, including party officials. We cannot measure its process to be a supposed to the contract of th strength by numbers", he told me. "Only by consciousness. by small changes in the way people think and feel. We are

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grade conference cannot be successfully concluded if members of the monitoring groups stay in prison."

The issue has in fact been raised in Belgrade and the man rights in the Soviet lines of two of the most pro-Union and has made it impossible for left-wing forces to regard the Soviet Union as a model. Within the Soviet Union the existence of out-spoken dissidents has made it easier for silent non-confor-mists, or "half-dissidents", to resist pressures because the authorities now fear pushing them into becoming open dissi-

dents.
"This is a preliminary stage but without it there will be no further stage", Mr Turchin said. "If the human rights movement is stifled now there will be no hope. The West must press for the democratization of the Soviet Union because otherwise the West will become a tiny island in an ocean of totalitarianism. I do political ideals, but his warnings should be taken into account. The totalitarian nature of such a strong power as Russia poisons the atmo-

Richard Davy

Bernard Levin

Bubbling over at Wexford with Massenet and friends

"You will find it an excellent thing, Sir", said Dr Johnson (or possibly some other fellow who looked like him). "to examine your assumptions at least once every six months", and my teamb right the annual West. tenth visit to the annual Wex-ford Festival, from which I ford Festival, from which I have just returned, concluding as usual that if I were ever to spend an entire week there instead of my regular Friday-to-Monday I would be in the gravest danger of being greeted on my return by huge herds of pink elephans, has provided me with the concertuairs to reconwith the opportunity to reconsider, for the first time for many years, in firm conviction that I do not like French opera.

This chaim I have made so often that I have come to believe it as firmly, and unques-tioningly, as I believe that the contingly, as I believe that the carth is flat. (Bulgy, of course, but basically flat.) Yet there I was at Wexford, over the weekend, believing it no less firmly than ever, when it occurred to me, between a bite and a sup, to stop and think about it for once, whereupon I realized that it was untrue and that it was it was untrue, and that it was Wexford that had proved it so. Certainly, I am allergic, to the point of hives, to the operas of Debussy and Ravel; there are long stretches of The Tro-jons during which I find myself obliged to pass the time by solving quadratic equations in my head; my mixed feelings about Carmen I have discussed here at some length. But there my complaints end, for 1 ralized with a start on Saturday that I have now seen six French operas at Wexford in the last decade, and doted, positively doted, upon them all:

I would not swear upon the

autograph score of Die Meister-singer that any of these works singer that any of these works is an imperishable masterpiece, but that is not the point; I go to Wexford to enjoy myself, and not only by the use of ample quantities of beaded bubbles winking at the brim, and the six French operas I have listed bave given me measure as great as anothing I have ever got from, say, Puccini. Once the initial surrender has been made (the plots of practically all of them are ridiculous to a fault, though Trovatore, to be sure, could give them a start and a beating in that department), there is nothing left to do but sit back and revel, or, if you want me to be scrupulously truthful, me to be scrupulously truthful, wallow. I wallowed in Hérodiade at the weekend (it is another version of the Salomé story, though not one that Richard Strauss would have recognized, let alone Wilde), as I wallowed in its five Franco-Wexfordian predecessors, and Wexfordian predecessors, and when I discovered that the Christian names of the tenor who sang John the Baptist (what was he doing with a cross, by the way?) were Jean Baptiste, my cup ran over. (That presented no problem, though: I simply ordered another bottle.)

There is a kind of sonority about the French language that scems, at any rate to my amateur's car, to give French opera



Massenet: a special French sound to wallow in-

the curious fact that French tenors always sound as though they are singing through their noses. This peculiarly French timbre is at the farthest pos-sible remove from the crispness of the vocal line in Rossini, say, let alone Mozart, and since most of the French opera that still survives in the international repertoire was written in the nineteenth century, the blend of the "French sound"

a distinctive sound not shared with romanticism has produced by works of other nationalities; the kind of luxuriant musical it also, no doubt, accounts for foliage which I have persuaded myself that I do not like, but am now happy to admit, like M Jourdain discovering that he had been talking prose all his life without realizing it, that I do. (I suspect it was something to do with the fact that Wagner, if you will pardon the expression, combined the musical tex-ture of romanticism with such

or thought I did, when it came drink and good food, certainly unaccompanied by the latter.) there is good music. (Often As it happens next year's As it happens next year's Wexford has no French opera in it, though it has one by a composer with a French name, d'Albert. (He was German, though he made the confusion even worse by being born in Glasgow. Mr Thomson Smillie, artistic director of the festival, and a Classops lad himself has and a Glasgow lad himself, has promised in his honour to wear a kilt throughout the proceed-ings, or to be absolutely precise I have promised that he will.)

Well, I shall surely be there for d'Albert's Tiefland, even if age has overcome me to such an extent that my friends have to prop my jaw open and pour bubbles down my throat. (Mind you, if I ever allow age to get in the way of my wexfording I shall certainly deserve to be ashamed of myself, at any rate to judge from the fact that as I set out for the Opera House on the Saturday blow me if I didn't see Sir Robert Mayer nipping down the steps of the hotel ahead of me, he being a mere 98 years old and apt to begin conversations, most unnervingly, with the words "As Brahms said to me").

But how can anyone who has from the fact that as I set out

But how can anyone who has discovered the Wexford Festival bear to stay away from it ever again? This proud little town in the bottom right hand corner of Ireland has been playing host to a glorious feast, of music and the spirits, since 1951, and my only regret is that I didn't go there before 1967. I do not know why my annual ture of romanticism with such weekend there is so productive penetrating dramatic and psychological insight that I infriends (and new ones every stinctively rejected the former, year), certainly there is good

Wexford next year, and to leave behind a massive cheque if he is not disappointed. He will not be; and then he can come back the year after and see what his money has wrought. © Times Newspapers Ltd 1977 Soviet Union would be much

A slip of the disc for the LSO

The London Symphony Orchestra must be kicking themselves the discs or the film would be for having failed to cut themselves a slice of one of the richest cakes that is ever likely attraction.

I have told you about the

to land on their table. It will not have escaped your notice that Star Wars, a space fantasy, threatens to become the most commercially successful film ever made. Its musical score by John Williams (nor the guitarist) is performed by the LSO.

When the music was rendered down to two LPs, the orchestra had a choice: either take a share of the royalties or settle for what the trade calls a session fee-a once-and-It settled for the session fee.

toral Reform Society about the evils of the X-voting system. If voting had been by single bogus candidate would have been elected. In the actual

I have told you about the film. I must now tell you that the double-set LP has sold two mitlion copies in America. Pye, who are marketing the records in Britain, are salivating at the sale prospects over here, I was at a presentation the

other night when the LSO were presented with gold and platinum discs to mark the two mil-lion sales of the records. Surprisingly, considering the fact that they have passed up a small fortune, they looked their usual happy and prosperous

When X marks the unfair spot

has drawn an expected, but have been forced to discriminuseful, response from the Elec- ate and most voters would have evils of the X-voting system.

If voting had been by single transferable vote, the society tells me, it is most unlikely the bogus candidate would have seats instead of all of them.

My item last week about really knew and admired and Bernard Levin and the struw one he had never heard of man who won a seat on the students council at the LSE, preferences, such a voter would given preference to real candi-

I am sorry that my story gave the impression that John Watkins wrote the whole of the book MY LSE. He wrote only discriminating between one he was edited by Joan Abse.

All a question of headers or the weight in foreign affairs, the weight will be consider-

President Carter admitted recently that he is having problems getting his message across to American businessmen. Looking at the transcript of a meeting be had with European business chiefs and Time journalists, I am not surprised. "I think", he said, "than will be a renairing of "there will be a repairing of the present problems among the business leaders as relates to my Administration."

I am sure there will be no such obfuscation about the repairs to the bridge between American policy-makers and businessmen which will soon be undertaken by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown Univer-

January, the centre In January, the centre in the manner of the mashington Review of Corfue—It Nuovo Castello; The Washington Review of Corfou—Le Nouveau Charcau Strategic and International Korfu—Der Neuer Schloss. Studies. It will be written by, The English translation read: and for, policy-makers and Corfu—The Old Costle.

of authority will be considerable. Writing in the first issue will be Henry Kissinger, who has a part-time job as a counsellor at the centre. He has a suite there where he is still busily writing his still busily writing memoirs.

The joint European editor of

the quarterly is the London-based Joseph Godson, former labour attache in London in the Fifties, who retired from the American diplomatic service in 1971. His son Roy provides anomer link between his father and Georgetown. He is an associate professor at the .centre, lecturing in government.

A postcard from Corfu bore a picture of a local tourist Kepkypa—To Neon Opoppi Corfu—Il Nuovo Castello; To Neon Opompion; Corjon—Le Nouveau Château; Korfu—Der Neuer Schloss. The English translation read:

Aubrey Boomer, the golfer, is 80 today. He played in the first Ryder Cup match against the United States fifty years ago, and won eleven national titles. Since his retirement he has been attached to the Royal Club at Rawenstein in Belgium, where he is much in demand as a coach. Mr Boomer is a... Channel Islander, and was at school with Sir William Haley, the former editor of The Times. Sir William took golf lessons, but not from Mr Boomer. That awesome task fell to George Duncan, who advised his pupil: "Get your weight ou your heels, sir!" The future editor replied, with more logic than golfing sense: "My weight is where it is—and that is where it will stay."

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A diamond day for a special breed of seabird

There will be a swagger in the skirts around the National Maritime Museum today as Wrens from two world wars descend to celebrate the diamond jubilee of their formation in November, 1917.

The oldest is 84, the youngest a fledgling just joined. Ursula Stuart Mason, public relations officer at the museum and a former Wren, has written the script for an irresistible exhibition of the past 60 years, which has turned into a book as well. Nine-tenths of the material has come from private sources, that is the memories, photograph albums, and ditty-boxes of splendid old war-marcs.

There are harpins like bodkins with naval buttons on the end, hoking as though they as well as anchor the tricorne propellers they used to wear as hats. And there is a wealth of early suspendes showing, for instance, the first Wrens drilling and uncertain which was the best foot to put forward.

Ursula Mason has discovered the birth certificate of the forin no history before. It is the acronym.



letter that Sir Eric Geddes, the were designed to defend virtue First Lord of the Admiralty, wrote to George V, suggesting that women be substituted for men on certain work in the Royal Navy. Another less successful sug-

restion was that they should be called the Women's Auxiliary Naval Corps, which would have made a less attractive

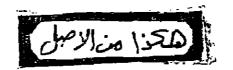
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Australia is in a position to play an important role in the future as a stable

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such as coal and uranium. Australia also has a vital interest in the export of agricultural products. In my discussions uranium is therefore one commodity to be considered as part of our

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lateral negotiations. Nevertheless, it is timely for Australia and the EEC to be discussing the issues at first

hand, thereby assisting the present

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can be identified and a sincere effort made to have them resolved.

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Mr John Winston Howard, Australia's Minister for Special Trade Negotiations with the EEC, is the first (and so far the only) minister in the world to be responsible for his country's relations with the Community. He has just completed his first visit to Brussels and in this interview talks to Peter Brink-

Can you give a brief description of the functions of your new ministry and your job as so-called EEC minister? My appointment followed the visit

of the Australian Prime Minister to Europe in June of this year when it became apparent that there was a definite need for Australia and the EEC countries to look carefully at the totality of our economic and trade

In particular, there is growing frustration in Australia with the extent to which problems in our trading relations are seriously disrupting key Australian industries, not only by the effects they have on European markets but also in other markets throughout

Tais appointment indicates the importance which we place on improving relations with the EEC and adequately resolving our trading difficulties.

The volume of Australian trade with the EEC is small in comparison to the volume of trade with Japan and the United States. Why did your Government feel that it was necessary to create a special ministry for negotiations with the EEC?

Australia is a major trading nation and we have traditionally had close relations with Europe. The importance of Australia's trade with the EEC countries should not be underestimated. The European Community is the largest supplier to Australia, providing more than a quarter of our imports: we are a significant and growing market for European manufartured goods and capital equipment

The EEC takes about 15 per cent of Australia's exports. We believe that Australia's competitive advantage in areas such as agricultural products and raw materials and the growing requirements of the Community, the world's largest trading block, should enable trade to expand significantly in the years ahead. Increased European inrestment, particularly in the development of our mineral industry, is also The European Community has high tariff barriers which impede imports from third countries, including Australia, especially in the agricul-tural sector. Since Britain's entry into the Community you have lost your European markets for flour, butter and meat. What concrete proposals did you present in Brussels to improve

The EEC not only has high tariff barriers which in important cases reduce imports from outside the Community to a residual role, it also provides very significant export subsidies which adversely affect Australian producers in third markets.

You will appreciate why Australia is concerned both with questions of access to the EEC markets and the effects of Community policies on agricultural prices in third markets, when I point out that since Britain's entry into the Community exports of agricultural products to the nine countries have dropped by more than 80

While in Europe I put Australia's case for greater market access to the EEC and pointed out the problems caused to Australia in third markets as a result of the subsidies paid on exports of surpluses from the Community.



On the contrary

Non au marriage?

Un grand débat est tranché. Un autre recommence. Au Royaume-uni, la conrtoverse au sujet du Marché commun s'est soldée par l'échec de ceux qui voudraient en sortir. Deux ans après le référendum confirmant l'adhesion britannique, les nostalgiques du parti travailliste ont enfin et pour le moment accepté la décision du peuple.

La victoire des Européens au sein du parti doit beaucoup à l'habileté politique de M Callaghan. Mais les affirmations par lesquelles ce dernier a apaisé les craintes de ses adversaires a provoqué des inquiétudes auprès de ses alliés. Certains partenaires de la Grande-Bretagne ont eu l'impression d'assister à la renaissance d'un gaullisme qu'ils croyaient défunt.

Arrive alors la Commission de Bruxelles, porteuse d'un paquet de propositions aptes à exciter les esprits. Pour lutter contre l'inflation et la chômage, le President Jenkins préconise la stabilisation des monnaies et le transfert des ressources. C'est toutce qu'il y a de plus raisonnable, sauf son titre: l'Union économique et monétaire.

A çela, M Callaghan semble préférer l'union libre. Toutefois, comme Européen-ce n'est qu'un débutant. Continuons le combat!



Opponents on its left and right

Rounding up his flock in Australia, the farmer takes to his motor cycle.

Spanish cartel stands at crossroads

Of all Spanish businesses, the one facing the most uncertain future for political reasons, rather than as a result of the present economic slump, is surely the big state-managed cartel known as INI (National Institute for

At the end of 1976, INI was Spain's biggest industrial holding company and one of the top 10 European business enterprises, both in terms of investment and value added. According to the annual report on Spanish industry published in Madrid last June by the Ministry of Industry, INI " is one of the principal instruments which the country has at its disposal to carry out the profound transformation which its economy needs with the objective of overcoming the present crisis and achieving a modern (economic) structure on a European scale. . . . The economic crisis of the past three years and the prospects for the future . . . have reinforced the relative importance of the role of public enter-

The anonymous author of that portion of the Ministry's report made no reference to the viability of INI as an institution. But the National Institute for Industry is at a crossroads, and one of the turnings might lead it to extinction. The political philosophy responsible for its creation has been thrown into the discard heap, since the death of General Franco, along with other formerly sacrosance concepts and institutions such as the state-run vertically-

organized trade unions. Although the Generalissimo was too much of an individual dictator to espouse fascism as such, he used those aspects of it which suited his purposes. And one cornerstone which was built into the structure of the Franco regime war the National-Socialist idea government participation (as distinguished from nationalization) in industry for the purpose of promoting a planned economy and guaranteeing employment.

If it can be said truthfully that the Franco regime cooperated closely with many privately-owned hig businesses, it can also be said that the regime fostered, shaped, created or directly controlled other large businesses through INI, an autonomous department of the Ministry of Industry acting at least in principle with the aim of creating industries in places and sectors in which private capital was hesitant.

INI grew the Topsy. Today it dominates the coal-mining, steel-making, shipbuilding, aircraft manufacture, air transport, ratural gas and nuclear power industries, in addition to having a big interest in many other national and international

INI grew where others shrank because, while its management was not averse to making money (in fact many foreign investors hold INI bonds), its ahead of profits.

Thus INI could—and still canafford to keep Spain's deficit coal-mining industry going in order to keep miners employed and maintain an energy source which (it is unprofitable at present) might eventually be of significance. Spain's ship-building industry (the fifth largest in the world but suffering from undernourished order books) may be able to hold out longer than those of some other countries because it can operate at a loss for some time without being forced out of business.

However, now that democracy has come to Spain, the function and legitimacy of INI a mighty industrial cartel which works in partnership with private capital but is a state agency, are open to question. Its fascist-rooted origins make it unsavoury for parties of the left. Its great competitive advantages make it unpopular with private businessmen-except for those who have formed partnerships with the giant.

In short, INI represents strong government intervention in sectors which some people think should be restricted to private enterprise: yet at the same time its ties with capitalism are too close to suit those of the opposite political sector.

Spain's main parliamentary opposi-tion, the Spanish Socialist Workers' PSOE Party, did Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, a considerable favour by failing to bring up the question of the survival of INI during the first few months after the general elections of last June, but probably only because it was too busy with

Employees at INI headquarters. even those in the Department of Public Relations and Press Affairs, appeared oblivious to the threatened collapse of the INI empire, when they were questioned late in August about possible changes in the structure of the institute. Nevertheless, according to informed sources, at the same time top officials of the Ministry of Industry were studying proposals to revamp the autonomous department in order to keep the Suarez Government one jump ahead of the Opposi-

The contents of those proposals were not immediately revealed. Indeed the attitude of the Minister of Industry, let alone that of the Government as a whole, was still unknown in September when the Premier, King Juan Carlos and other political figures returned from their brief and frequently interrupted summer holidays.

A restructured INI, as a flexible estrument in the hands of Spain's Vice-Premier for Economic Affairs, Professor Alfonso Fuentes Quintana, might be acceptable to the Parliamentary Opposition: but it would have to be a new-look INI, slimmed down and under tighter administrative control, with less of an aspect of permanence. As an institution comparable to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's polemical Work Projects Administration (WPA) of the 1930s in the United States, it might be able to survive for the time being. But its long-term survival, at least in its present form, is highly unlikely even though it serves a useful purpose,

As with the now dismantled staterun trade unions, there will surely be a hot debate about what to do with what INI owns, unless the Government can transform the nature of the institute before the politicians launch their attack.

The basic controversy, unless changes are made rapidly, will surely centre on whether it is necessary for a government agency—even if its pur-pose is to stimulate industries which are in the national interest in such places as those interests dictate to own and manage the industries involved, especially when it means going into business partnership with private individuals, or whether such an agency's function should be limited to the mere administration and enforcement of measures outlined in pertinent legislation. The final question is how much freedom of action such an agency should be allowed: whether it should decide on its own what to support and promote or whether it should foster any given industry only on specific instructions

As a holding company. INI made a net profit last year of 459.3m pesetas (about £3.1m at current exchange rates), with a turnover of 18,438.1m pesetas (about £125.4m at current

In announcing the balance at a news conference in Madrid in September, Senor Francisco Jimenez Torres, the president of INI, admitted: "The financial structure of the balance is not the one we would wish ", although the results are "positive".

He revealed that INI investments in 1977 will total nearly 137,100m pesetas (£932.7m), and 60 per cent of that investment will be made in the energy sector.

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Recovery with caution

Where signs of flagging production had been observed last month more or less everywhere, even in the United States, giving rise to apprehension about the future it now seems that the position has been reversed, giving cause for hope. It is early yet, but there have been perceptible and simultaneous improvements in several

Foremost among them is the United States, where the indicators of future trends in activity turn out to have been better than first believed. After the upward adjustment of the July figure, the number of successive monthly falls has been reduced from three to two, in May and June, when they fell by 0.2 per cent. In July they actually rose by 0.2 per cent and that was followed up by a 0.8 per cent increase in August.

That recovery is confirmed by other sizes, notably orders to industry, which moved ahead sharply by 2.3 per cent in August, though that followed a 3.6 per cent fall in July.

In France as well there are once again some favourable indications, with an increase in consumer spending reflected in the brisker rate of increase of the large turnovers of stores since July, In West Germany, as the graph shows, industrial production is back on a slightly rising trend, an improvement which seems to be confirmed by an increase in retail sales in August.

A recent recovery in sales and household consumption also seems to have served to get Britain over the lull. Only in Italy, where the rate of growth admittedly has been rapid, has industrial production fallen in July and August for the first time against

That exception apart, the picture is one of slight improvement, but it is still necessary to exercise caution in assessing the improvements made. Experience has shown that rises and

falls alike are not going very far. The first reason for that is that stocks remain at a low level, so that industry can adjust quickly to pre-vailing conditions. Companies are allowing policy to be dictated by cur-

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Prices: The average inflation rate is still coming down and, calculated on the basis of the three months July. August and September, is running at only 6.5 per cent. The individual rates are nil in West Germany, 7 per cent in Britain. 8.5 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Italy. The last-named country recorded a less satisfactory monthly rise of 1.1 per cent in September.

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threat, demand relies largely on private consumption, which is subject to abrupt fluctuations, as has been demonstrated recently by the American retail figures, which rose by 1.7 per cent in August only to fall back

again by 1.2 per cent in September.
On the other hand investment in the wider sense, beginning with housing and construction (except in the United States) and industrial plant, is scarcely moving ahead at all.

In that connexion the statistics of rates of increase quoted should be seen in their true light: they repre-sent progress from low levels, even in the United States. Moreover, such investment as is being put in hand is aimed at maintaining existing posi-tions and rationalization. It is aimed rarely at expansion, which is only to be expected when capacity use is un-

able to rise much above 80 per cent. Given those conditions, the pro-longed and deepening crisis in the iron and steel industry is not surprising. Though steel production is being boosted by motor manufacture, it is getting little help from the construction industry and scarcely more from industrial plant. Companies are not investing enough.

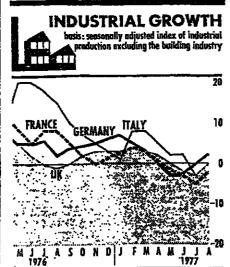
The governments of several countries, including West Germany, Britain and France, have been making efforts to reverse the trend whereby the proportion of retained profits for investment was being eroded by rising wages. They have been successful, but have not always been pre-pared to admit it. Unfortunately the effects are proving slow to materialize and Herr Schmidt's celebrated dictum, "Today's company profits make to-morrow's investments and the day after tomorrow's jobs", has yet to be

In consequence, governments are being obliged to intervene to make up for the reluctance of industry to place faith in the future through investment

or employment policies. That they are doing, although they still hope that the restoration of economic health will of itself bring a spontaneous recovery in consumption, followed by investment. However, apart from a few measures aimed at giving a direct boost to consumption threatening economic recovery, they are no longer using the traditional methods advocated by

While keeping a careful watch on the money supply, the key to stability. they are trying to trade off tax alleviation against wage moderation. Efforts in that direction have been made in Britain, which has just launched a reflationary budget of £1.000m in tax allowances, and in West Germany.

They are also trying to overcome the reluctance of employers to recruit by bearing a share of the wage burden through subsidies (Britain) or the waiver of employers' contributions (France). Italy is also taking action in that sphere, with its special regis-



Growth: There has been a slight improvement in the industrial growth rate in West Germany, from nil to 2 per cent, and in Britain, from-3 per cent to nil; it is still in decline in Italy, however, and is now running at -3 per cent and French output continues to decline.

ters of young unemployed. Under those conditions there can be no immediate prospect of eliminating budget deficits. The West German Government, which had intended to reduce its deficit (DM35,000m or 4 per cent of gdp), has now reversed its

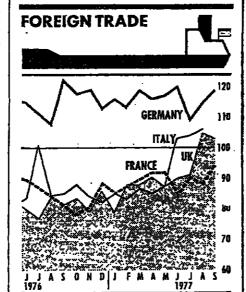
Irony of ironies, even having established that some DM25,000m allocated in previous budgets had not been spent because of administrative delays, it is seeking to accelerate administrative procedures, asking the Länder to spend more quickly, while entreating the German people to increase consumption.

In France the keeping of the budget in balance is no longer sacrosanct and a 9,000m franc deficit is being envisaged.

The countries of the West are managing as best they can to main-tain activity while pursuing their efforts to regain economic health. Governments are continuing with various new forms of intervention, until such time as industry is pre-pared to take over. Meanwhile morale must not be allowed to deteriorate and psychological support, with budgetary action, will be decisive.

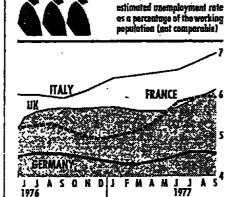
With its prospects on oil, Britain is achieving extraordinary results. France, after its recent political upheavals, is now doing what it can to follow suit and its industry is trying to find its feet again. Paradoxically, it is in the so-called stronger countries, the United States and West Ger-many, that morale is lowest.

Maurice Bommensath



Foreign trade: cover of imports by exports, calculated fob-cif and seasonally adjusted, is still in surplus in Britain (103 per cent in September) and in Italy (106 per cent in August). France too is now approaching break-even point, with 94 per cent in

EUNEMPLOYMENT



Unemployment: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in France and Germany fell in September from 6 per cent to 5.8 per cent and from 4.6 per cent to 4.5 per cent respectively. On the other hand, there was a rise from 6 per cent to 6.1 per cent in Britain and the rate in Italy is now pushing through 7 per cent. However, these statistics should be regarded with caution in view of the effect that governmental measures can have (for instance in Italy and France).

United States: Comparative situation and influence

After the fears of recession, the most recent statistics are a little more reassuring. The index of leading indicators which foreshadows economic trends rose by 0.2 per cent in July and by 0.8 per cent in August. Orders to industry recovered strongly by 2.3 per cent in August. Retail sales rose by 1.7 per cent in the same month, but unfortunately fell back again by 1.2 per cent in September.

The inflation rate has eased considerably and was down to an annual rate of a little over 5 per cent in August, However, the recent trend in no esele prices, which rose rather more sharply (by 0.5 per cent) in September than in August (0.1 per cent), is disturbing.

Unemployment expressed as a percentage of the workforce registered a further tall, from 7.1 per cent in August to 6.9 per cent in September, a figure corresponding to 6.800,000 unemployed against 91,200,000 in work.

languary use fell back slightly from 83.7 per cent in July to 82.7 per cent in August, a consequence of the deceleration during the second

The sequence of trade delicits continues. August saw a marked fall in exports, which fell short of imports by \$2,700m. The total deficit for the limit eight months is \$17,600m when calculated fob-fob and \$24,000m fob-cif. Influence on the four countries

Monetery and financial: The dollar is once again in decline despite the increase in American interest rates (prime rate is now 7.5 per cent). increase and mismosis one dotter is once again in double durches reduction in interest rates. Sterling is still stealing the limelight, other a further reduction in the minimum lending rate to 5 per cent, British rates are now well below those in the United States. Economic: The threat to American growth is finally less serious than was feared. It nevertheless remains essential to bridge the widening trace and monetary gap between the United States and the other countries, with the Western countries getting back into phase; this will enter the deceleration of activity in the United States and acceleration elsewhere.

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Hans Baumann talks to the troubleshooters

Industry is leaving the Continent

Why is the European economy not | firm was founded in 1925. Ever since | picking up more strongly? Europa questioned the men who must know the answers, the business consultants who are called in as troubleshooters whenever industry feels unable to cope with its difficulties. Their answers are unanimous: general surplus productive capacity, wage costs are too high, and companies that want to invest turn their back on Europe and invest in countries with lower social costs.

Mr William E. Hill, joint owner of the William E. Hill company, of New York, gives the reasons for this last statement: in the past year there were 255 cases of direct foreign investment, mostly from Europe—an unusually large number. The biggest investor was the United Kingdom. The flow is remaining undiminished. Mr Hill sees the attraction for capital in the relatively good state of the United States economy and the lower social

He spoils the picture by going on to say that the United States economy is heading back into recession, like the European economies. That opinion is shared by Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the United States Federal Reserve. Even President Carter must be realizing that his country is moving into an economic trough: even if mp does grow by 4 per cent in 1977, the upper limit for growth in

1978 must be 2 per cent. - Because Mr Hill is a humorous man, he illustrates the worsening American economic situation with the following story: a judge said to the accused: "Admit it, you were drunk and smoked in hed, and that's how the bed caught fire". The accused replied: "I admit I was drunk, but the bed was on fire before I got into

Mr Hill speaks from considerable experience in advising the European economies not to wait for a lead from the United States-because they will wait in vain.

In Milan Signor Pier Malinverni's brow wrinkles anxiously as he assesses the state of the Italian economy. He is the chairman of Orga, the oldest Italian consultants—the

the "hot winter" of 1969, he feels, Italy has been the "hot story" for the international press.

He sums up the reasons for that in the following points: the enduring balance-of-payments deficit (which has, however, improved since last June): The high rate of inflation, which has fallen from 22 to 16 per cent in annual terms, but is still too high for safety; and the high cost of labour: since 1969, wages in Italy have been brought up to European levels too quickly. He also blames the high social costs, about 80 per cent of wages, which are of little benefit to the individual worker; the heavy social insurance, which makes it almost impossible to lay off an employee; and social conflict—strikes and urban guerrillas-which disturb business confidence.

Another economic drawback for Italy is, in his eyes, the clear gulf between politics and business, and the struggle between north and south, with both sides showing little understanding of the other's difficulties. Other causes of dissatisfaction are the growing economic chauvinism, the increasing burden of taxation on Italian companies, and the question of ex-ports. Middle-sized companies suffer particularly from a lack of knowledge in this respect.

The picture that Signor Malinverni presents is not all gloom: to his own knowledge, most private companies are doing well, and even investing. He closed on an optimistic note: "1976 was one of the best years for private business in Italy."

The most serious complaint comes from Mr Nicholas Branch, managing director of Binder, Hamlyn, Fry, of London. He has devised the following formula for United Kingdom Ltd: low profits, low investment, silly legislation, inconsistent government, powerful, negative unions, poor incentives, old-fashioned management and high country overheads equal an uncom-petitive country. Add socialist legislation, reliance on imports and North Sea oil and the result is survival with high inflation and high unemployment. But if one adds retraining, expansion of invisibles and overseas marketing

the country may enjoy prosperity

and happiness. Despite this gloomy document, Mr Branch still sees one possibility for Britain (which he characterizes as offering "little incentive for hard work") to solve its problems at a stroke: North Sea oil. But he is not altogether sure of the outcome: "It all depends what we do with the

revenue from the oil.' Mr Reint van der Torn and M Jacques Giroire bold similar views of the economic situation in Holland and France. Mr van der Torn is the managing partner of van der Torn & Buningh, Utrecht, and the president of the Dutch Association of Business Consultants. ROA. M Giroire is general director of GMV Conseil, Paris, and a member of the council of the French

Association of Consultants, Syntec. Mr van der Torn holds that the essential question is the slackness of demand. According to him, excess capacity exists in the furniture, textile, food and drink, and shoe industries, and in construction, shipping and the docks. He is supported in this by Herr Roland Berger, managing partner of Roland Berger & Partner and member of the council of the West German Association of Business Consultants, BDU. This view sees the question of excess capacity exacer-bated by industry's shift to countries where social costs are lower. Mr van der Torn points to The Netherlands as an example of the extent of this movement: there the number of unemployed is rising weekly as a result of industry's withdrawal. Any one asking business consultants

how business is doing in their country will also want to know how business consultancy itself is prospering. The answer is the reverse of the national slumps-consultancy has never had it better. Business consultants are advising top management in their decisions, in banks, governments and unions; they are analysing economies, researching markets for their suitability for new products, putting the right man in the right job—a decisive matter in times of economic weakness. "We live by our clients' problems" Mr van der Torn says. Where thistles flourish, the consultants' wheat grows

Leo Fischer charts a drop in drinkers

There's an awful lack of coffee in Brazil

On July 18, 1975, the coffee market was turned upside down. On that day the hardest frost in living memory destroyed half the 1976 coffee crop in Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer. Overnight the situation on the world coffee market changed completely: where the market had been expecting falling prices because of high stocks of green coffee, coffee suddenly became a scarce commodity, with the consequential rise in prices. Producer countries swiftly withdrew offers for supplies, and the roasters (who had let their stocks of green coffee fall to the lowest level in years) bought every bean they could

get.
The following weeks and months saw an unparalleled rise on the coffee futures markets. Before the frost coffee was quoted on the exchanges in New York and London at 50-60 cents a pound and £400 a ton respectively. Twenty-one months later coffee was being quoted at new record levels: in New York the peak price was \$3.40 a lb, in London £4,232 a ton-

The price increase was encouraged by alarming stories from Brazil that the damage was much worse than generally believed. Where the 1975-76 Brazilian harvest was more than 22 million 60kg sacks, the producers were now forecasting the yield of the 1976-77 harvest at only six million sacks. The United States Department of Agriculture and London merchants. however, estimated the 1976-77 Brazilian harvest would be at least eight million sacks.

Nevertheless, whichever set o figures you chose to believe, the decline in production was shattering. This is illustrated by the figures for the harvests in the seven leading coffee producers, responsible for almost 90 per cent of world output.

Supplies from producer countries are, however, not just from current production but also from stocks. From 1970-71 to 1976-77 there was only one year (1974-75) when exportable production in producer countries was above world imports of coffee. In all other years the difference between production and consumption was made up from stocks.

Brazil resorted to measures to reduce supply—methods which it seems to be trying to use again. They involve cutting back home consumption and meeting it from less valuable imported grades, while taking the good, home-produced grades into stock, and thus withdrawing them from the world market.

There is hardly any other commodity where consumers are so affected by the close relationship

Coffee production in the seven leading producer countries

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between the quotation on the commodity markets and the retail price. What do the London quotations for copper, silver, wool or sugar mean to final, consumers? Their wallets are rarely affected by the price movements in these products. But it is a different story with coffee : there was only a short time between the change in prices on the coffee exchanges and the impact on roasted coffee prices in the leading importing countries.

The main coffee importers are the United States and West Germany, followed by France, Italy, The Nether lands and Sweden. In the United States, prices in the shops rose from S1.27 a lb in July 1975 (before the frost in Brazil) to \$3.94 a lb on June 1, 1977. That is an increase of 210 per cent. In West Germany coffee prices were increased in several stages by 40 per cent in all (the increases were largely withdrawn subsequently).

Although in the past coffee has shown a low price elasticity of demand, the increased price led this time although with a considerable delay—to a reduction in consumption. In 1967 coffeet had replaced beer as West Germany's most popular beverage, despite the rising trend of prices (one hundred litres a head of the population); in the first four months of this year consumption fell markedly. By August one of Ham-burg's biggest chain stores, Tchibo, was expressing fears of a 10 per cent drop in consumption.

In the United States coffee-drinkers' abstention was even more serious: boycotts by consumer associations produced a 15 per cent drop in turnover by this summer.

But consumer action has been less influential in restraining coffee prices than expectations of renewed surpluses on the coffee market, based on rising production prospects. In London now coffee is quoted at £2,147 a ton, about 50 per cent below its peak this April.

As it turns out the Brazilian coffee-

farmers seem to be recovering from the effects of the frost faster than they would like. In 1977-78 they are expecting a harvest in Brazil of 14,200,000 sacks, compared with six to eight million in the previous year. Estimates put the world coffee harvest at 69,900.000 sacks, of which about 52,700,000 sacks will be available for export from the coffee producing countries. This is an increase of 10 million on the previous year. At the same time world consumption has probably dropped by five million 60kg

In the face of those estimates the main exporters Brazil and Colombia hold differing views about the correct market strategy. Colombia favours a revision of the export price to take account of consumer reticence, but Brazil wants to retain the export price

of \$3.20 a lb. Most exporters doubt that Brazil will be able to keep its grip on the coffee market. From January on there will be so much coffee available for immediate delivery that the producers will have to woo the merchants, and that will have to be by lower



Picking coffee beans near Campinas.

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As trade and investment with South Africa becomes a major political issue at the United Nations, Europa

looks at the new code of conduct agreed by the European Community

and reviews the overall progress of the Nine to develop a common front in foreign policy

Discrimination can cut both ways

On the day that Mr Vorster called an election to back his fight against what he called foreign meddling in South Africa's affairs, the EEC foreign ministers were meeting in Brussels to approve a code of conduct for conpanies operating in the republic.

To the white community in South Africa the EEC initiative appeared as yet another move to destroy the basis of their society. Yet in reality the EEC code represented an attempt to fend off pressures for economic sanctions against South Africa.

Europe has a powerful influence in the South African economy. In 1975 the Community's investment in the republic amounted to R9,850m, or two thirds of the country's total foreign investment. Half the foreign investment in South Africa is from Britain, and more than three hundred British companies have subsidiaries there. The other EEC countries account for 14 per cent of foreign investment.

It is unusual for a group of countries to adopt a joint policy on investment in a foreign state. Why. South Africans always ask, should they be singled out? The simple answer is that no other country has institutionalized racial discrimination. The lack of trade union rights for black workers also means that companies operating in South Africa are particularly vulnerable to criticism that they are exploiting the local workforce.

The EEC therefore worked out a code of conduct to deal with the treatment of black workers employed by European companies in South Africa. Migrant labour is condemned as "an instrument of the policy of apartheid" and "employers have the social responsibility to contribute towards ensuring freedom of movement for black African workers and their families '

Companies are asked to pay wages over the minimum effective level (50 per cent above the poverty datum line). More important, however, is the call to encourage trade unions. The code points out that they are not illegal, and that "should black African employees decide that their representative body should be in the form of a trade union, the company should accept this decision".

This represents a significant advance on the earlier British code, introduced in 1974, which had avoided the crucial problem of industrial relations. Trade union rights are severely restricted in South Africa, but black workers will be able to fight for higher wages only when they increase their

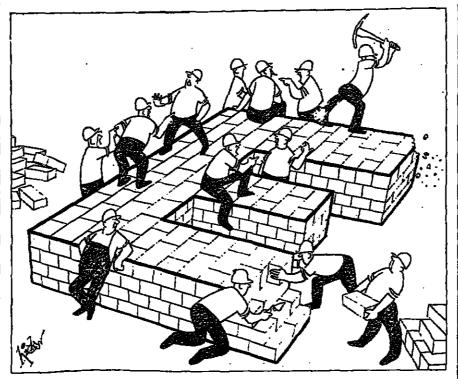
bargaining power.

Reaction to the EEC code in South Africa was predictably hostile in government circles: Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, dismissed it because of its " high moral tone ".

Western companies operating in South Africa generally reacted by claiming that they had already adopted most of the provisions of the code, but that it would be difficult to so much further without coming into conflict with South African legislation. The Confederation of British Industry expressed reservations over some aspects of the code. In Paris a director of the Patronat commented that "French firms have been trying for some time to apply these rules". The Federation of German Industry was also fairly cool.

European companies claimed that they would lose business to their Japanese, American and South African competitors. Already, however, moves are afoot to extend the EEC code to include all 24 nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and this would mean that it would cover almost all foreign investors in South Africa. The multinationals recognize that introducing the code would increase their wages' bill, and reduce the attraction of investment in South

Negotiation of the EEC code took considerably longer than expected



because of differences among the Nine. Germany and France were cautious, but Holland and Denmark proposed measures to restrict further trade and investment. Britain steered the Community along a middle road.

The EEC is also South Africa's largest trading partner. Last year half of South Africa's imports of R5,978m and exports of R4,493m were accounted for by trade with the Community. Britain has recently slipped into third place as South Africa's source of imports, after the United States (21 per cent) and Germany (18 per cent), but it still retains an 18 per cent share of the market. France and Italy each provide 4 per cent of South Africa's imports.

South Africa's exports consist mainly of its valuable mineral wealth. The United Kingdom is its largest export market, with a 22 per cent share. Germany (11 per cent), Bel-gium (4 per cent), and Switzerland (4 per cent) are also major buyers of South African produce.

During negotiations over the EEC code of conduct the Dutch pressed for measures to reduce trade with South Africa. This led to a decision that the Community should at least begin to study further ways in which economic pressure could be exerted on the regime. Already the Dutch Government has decided to reduce its trading ties. The draft programme of the new Labour-Christian Democrat coalition states that no credit guarantees will be granted for exports

to South Africa. The recent bannings and the new wave of repression in South Africa has already led to further international pressures. Moves to impose sanctions are being resisted by the larger EEC members which have extensive economic links with South Africa. But since Soweto there has been a growing reluctance among the business community to increase these ties while the political situation remains so unstable.

Martin Bailey

Solidarity begins at home

"Political cooperation, that is common diplomatic action by the Nine, is beginning to make itself noticed. At the European Council at the end of June the heads of government, keen to demonstrate their unity of outlook, published a declaration on the Middle East in which they referred to the need to create "a homeland for the Palestinian people".

A few weeks later the foreign ministers announced their intention of using the Community's political weight to persuade South Africa to modify its racial policy. As the Belgrade conference opens, much emphasis is being laid on the exemplary solidarity displayed by the Nine on East-West relations.

Not too much should be made of all this, however. The Nine are not on the point of establishing a common external policy, far from it. The care with which they are now addressing them-selves to these important but remote issues is accounted for largely by the fact that they get themselves into such a mess when trying to deal with the Community's purely internal affairs.

Who can fail to see that the collective incursions by the heads of government or their ministers into world affairs carry little weight when at the same time they show themselves incapable of taking the decisions—on such matters as exchange rates, employment, energy and trade—needed to run Community life? In fact, what we are witnessing is a sort

of stampede into foreign policy. However, it would be wrong to underestimate the results obtained: political cooperation, the fruit of the endeavours of like-minded diplomats having the same profile, the same attitude in life, is now emerging as a useful venture, albeit of limited scope. The national governments have

developed it since 1970, having appreciated the point that joint action on the world scene can expect to make more of an impact than an individual initiative. They may also see it as a useful means of protecting their interests in certain situations; for instance, the common "balanced" position taken up by the Nine after the October 1973 war no doubt saved one of the countries involved, The Netberlands, from the worst rigours of the oil embargo. Given that country's resolutely pro-Israeli stance —dictated to it by public opinion—it is reasonable to suppose that the Arab world might have taken a tougher line

against it had Holland been isolated. The great weakness of political cooperation lies in the fact that it is voluntary. Governments are free to toe the line when they consider it necessary, but also to reject it whenever they consider that their best interests can be served by standing aloof. This reaction is still not uncommon, as witness the ragged order in which the MPLA was recognized as the legal government of Angola, or indeed the disunited pattern of voting in the United Nations.

In short, political cooperation only comes into play when the usefulness of joint action is self-evident to all and even then it only gives patchy results. Let us take a closer look at what has been achieved on each of the major issues with which the Nine have concerned themselves.

East-West relations and the CSCE (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe). This is the main area for political cooperation, where mutual understanding functions most effectively and where the Community has given the most convincing account of itself. This is hardly surprising since Europe provides the main scenario for détente and all EEC countries are directly concerned. The importance attributed by the Nine to the conference and their shared conception of detente, coupled with the lack of interest shown by the United States for this exercise, have enabled them to play a leading role in Geneva and then in Helsinki.

The Helsinki final act, and the "third basket", may be regarded as being a Community product. It was written in the form in which it appeared because the Nine were ableto work together from beginning to end as an operational unit, carrying with them the other countries of the West, that is the neutrals and the United States as well.

The preparations for the Belgrade conference have confirmed agreement between the EEC members. The agenda for this conference was drawn up on the basis of an EEC document. Despite the initial burst of enthusiasm displayed by the Carter Administration on human rights, it is a fair bet that it will be the Nine, with their moderate approach, who will set the tone when the time comes for drawing up the communiqué, which will deliver judgment on the implementation of the Helsinki act, point to the new efforts to be made in the future and perhaps fix the date for the next

The Middle East. Here, the results of the EEC's activities are less con-vincing. The declarations approved by the Nine in November, 1973, and July of this year have had no effect in the field. Given the total absence of political integration, the Nine have no real power and purely verbal interventions will earn them no real influence. In fact, the usefulness of these initiatives is to be found not in external relations, but in terms of cohesion between member states within the EEC.

In this connexion, it is not insignificant that the Nine, far from slavishly following the United States lead but sometimes actually showing the way (the European Council's declaration of July, 1977, was ready several weeks before the United States took up a similar position), have managed, from 1973 to 1977, to define a specific common position. Political coopera-tion can claim the considerable achievement of moderating extreme positions. Without it, there would probably have been more explicit evidence of pro-Arab leanings from Paris and, on the other side of the coin, more ope i expression of pro-Israeli sympathy in The Hague.

Africa. This continent offers new scope for political cooperation and the opportunity for common action here arises as a result of external intervention-by the Soviet Union. The Nine have much common ground in their assessment of the situation in Southern Africa. They abhor Southern Africa. They abhor apartheid, but are even more united in their fear, which they share with the Americans, that Pretoria's stubbornness, if they themselves do not resist it. will throw the African liberation movements and the African governments supporting them into the arms of the Russians, whom they will see as their only support.

However, when analysis is left be-hind and it becomes a question of reacting to situations and attempting to formulate a common course of This is hardly surprising, since their interests are so different. Although barely started, the history of the EEC's collective relations with South Africa illustrate how difficult it is to take positive action. In July, 1977, the foreign ministers were inveighing against South African racism and juggling with the various forms of pressure which could be applied.

At the ministers' next meeting a fortnight later, the tone had changed to one of remarkable timidity. Business interests had had their say and the governments had taken fright. The return from the holidays saw another about-face, this time after protests from black Africa. Hence the approval of the code of conduct to be observed by EEC companies operating in South Africa, but it is difficult to envisage any further substantial step forward in the near future.

The United Kingdom, France and West Germany, which have considerable economic interests in South Africa, are advocating prudence. Moreover, the EEC states which have seats on the security council are pointing out that the Vorster Government's cooperation is essential if the Rhodesian and Namibian situations are to be resolved peacefully.

East-West détente, the Middle East and Africa, are the three great issues on which political cooperation has been deployed, but any assessment of its value would be incomplete if it did not take account of the bitter defeat suffered over Cyprus and the disappointing results of the European-Arab dialogue.

In Cyprus, a country associated with the EEC and the subject of a major conflict between two other associated countries, Greece and Turkey, the United Kingdom, and by extension the Nine, had specific responsibilities. They ducked these responsibilities, leaving the way clear for the Americans and the chaos that ensued.

The misadventures of the European-Arab dialogue arise out of a misunderstanding for which the two sides must bear their share of blame. Whereas the Community countries are keen to place the accent on economic cooperation, those of the Arab League, unprepared for this type of collective venture, are exclusively concerned with their dispute with Israel. This means that despite efforts at conciliation, many of which have come from the Nine, the game has been lost before it starts.

Regular contact between the diplomats of the Nine no doubt serves a useful purpose. It has helped to familiarize them with the European dimension of problems. However, a start has scarcely been made. Poli-rical cooperation will remain as light. and fragile as a bubble until and unless it is given support by a Community which is moving forward, a prospect about which one cannot yet be very optimistic.

Philippe Lemaître

Israel: outpost or bridge?

Commerce best guarantor of lasting peace

A man takes a pistol from his jacket and hands it to Porter Schwarz at the reception desk in the Accadia Hotel, which stands in Herzlia-on-Sea, the most select part of Tel Aviv. Yekutiel Xiel Federmann has just come from the south of the country where be has been on business: a dangerous criminal has escaped, and Mr Federmann wants to be ready in case their paths crossed.

Xiel Federmann always goes armed. His aims are peace, the inviolability of Israel's frontiers and his business concerns. Born in 1915 in Chemnitz. he has the heart of a mongoose and the delivery of a machine-gun; he bubbles over with ideas, which he expounds with eager gesticulations. His staff have their hands full restraining his enthusiasm. Mr Federmann owns the Dan Hotel Corporation, which has luxury properties in Herzlia (Accadia), Caesarea (Golf Hotel), Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel) and Haifa (Dan Carmel). The Federmann family lives in a penthouse on top of the Dan Carmel.

Xiel Federmann runs a pvc factory. is involved in irrigation and produces building materials—he also owns 50 per cent of a large manufacturer in Europe. He grows oranges near Tel Aviv, where he made the first oil and natural gas strikes in Israel in 1955. With the Rothschild-Edmond Geneva-Paris group, he built the first pipeline from Elat to Haifa. The turnover of Mr Federmann's businesses is about £[1,000m.

His activities are not confined to Israel. In Africa the name Federmann is associated with government housing projects in Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and the Congo. The Israeli Government supplies very practical aid in the form of loans by American and Swiss banks of up to 50 per cent of the building costs of there houses.

israel's exports to the world

imports from European Community

Exports to Europe

Imports from the world

Trade between Europe and Israel in 1976

Mr Federmann will never tire of extending his interests. At the moment he is involved in a joint venture with an international group in precision and optical engineering. This is intended to benefit Israel in a very specific way: Mr Federmann wants to produce optical and precision instruments—needed by the Armed Forces—bimself. "Our country is ringed by fire and steel", Federmann says, "we have to keep one step ahead in this field too."

Business and politics are for Mr Federmann two ways of saying the same thing. This is why be built up contacts with European investment corporations, which supplied DM 24m for new oil and gas prospecting. In two years' time the second oil strike at Ashdod should produce two million tons of oil on Israel's territory. At present Israel still relies on supplies from Iran for its annual requirement of seven million tons.

Yekutiel Xiel Federmann (Xiel is a Yiddish variant of Xavier) became Israel's most important businessman quite by chance. His qualifications for this title are, however, scarcely accidental. Before the state of Israel was founded on November 29, 1949. Mr Federmann was already organizing illegal incursions into Palestine in March 1940. He and his wife arrived there from England by troopship from Marseilles, because the British authorities refused to form a Jewish brigade to fight Hitler. In Palestine he was soon working for the Haganah, the secret service. He flew a courier service, and made many contacts in this capacity.

It was in this way that he met a high-ranking British officer at the time that British troops were making a precautionary withdrawal from Alexandria to Haifa. The British problem was the shortage of supplies, shoes, socks and uniforms. Xiel Federmann, member of the Haganah and always on the move, was the man to help. He found firms to produce uniforms, and supply shoes and socks for the British soldiers. Mr Federmann established a

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+1.4 per cent to \$1,770m



depot for these rare commodities, and this was his business training. How does Israel's most important businessman see his country's relation-ship with Europe? Yekutiel Xiel Federmann's reply poured out in a torrent: "Israeli thought is European. Israel is a part of Europe in the

Middle East. Israel's dream is a liberal

democracy.

"Our goal is our recognition of our Arab neighbours. We are contributing to Europe's strength here, because the Mediterranean has become an important Russian sphere of influence, with states like Libya not merely posing a threat to the African continent, but offering a home for Russian submarines, air-bases and radar stations. The counterpoise has to be an Israeli-Arab front. This is why peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours is the burning question of

the hour." Mr Federmann openly admits that a politician cannot speak with the freedom that he can as a businessman. But what he believes is, he feels, also the opinion of Israel's politicians. He sums up his political view of Europe in a sentence: "The union of a free Europe with a free Middle East (which presupposes peace between Israel and the Arab States) would ensure the safety of African raw materials and the Middle East oil from a Russian attack."

He is prepared to be more specific. "It is quite conceivable that in the event of armed conflict between Russia. Europe and America, brought on by Russian aggression, Israel would be included in Nato's military calculations and the state of war between Israel and the Arab states would cease overnight.

"Israel is closer than Europe to the Arab oil supplies in the Middle East. Israel's military might is probably second to West Germany's. No responsible political Nato command could-or should-overlook this. If war broke out between the Warsaw Pact countries and the European democracies, the Israeli forces would be more likely to fight alongside Iranian and Saudi Arabian forcesperhaps even Egyptian troops-than others.

But the combination of businessman and politically-committed Israeli is never far from the surface. He is certain that commerce must bring about and preserve peace in the Middle East. "We have to extend our trading relations into Arab countries. Production and trade must flourish everywhere. This would lead to social peace and political calm." And because he is a great practical man, quick to make decisions, he would rather see his dream fulfilled now than in the distant future: an Israel-Arab nuclear power station on the frontier. "This would not just be a focus for energy", Mr Federmann claims, "but a focus for peace on our border."

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UP WITH STERLING

ordinary. Last Friday was the next year or so is finely anniversary of the day when the balanced. This balance is reflecpound stood lower against the dollar than at any time in its history. Yesterday the Treasury told the Bank of England to give up for the time being the attempt to stop the pound rising. Last October the Bank of England's minimum lending rate was pushed in panic to a level of 15 per cent. Today it is at 5 per cent and might be even lower, but for the strong efforts of the authorities to steady the rate of decline. Again and again in 1976 the pound appeared to be in free tall. During 1977 neither falling interest rates nor the still relatively high rates of domestic inflation have served to stop the torrents of money pouring into the country.

Such a volatile change in the financial situation, heavily in-fluenced by the rising flow of North Sea oil, is of course not matched by changes in the real economy. Indeed while no one would exchange the complex of economic policy problems we now face for those which we faced last year, the continued strength of the pound must be a source of concern for exporting

of the industry. The argument about the exchange rate is twofold. country's financial position in the appropriate policy for the first, as the history of the past the past year has been extra pound's exchange rate over the ted in differences of opinion between politicians of both the main parties, between economists and between officials, both in the Treasury and the Bank of England.

As we said at the time of the Chancellor's economic statement last week, events had combined to place the Government in a position where it only had three options. It could ease the upward pressure on the pound by a substantial reduction in outward exchange controls. It could continue to sell pounds to hold the rate steady, thus creating increasing problems for the control of the domestic money supply. Or it could allow the exchange rate to rise. We said then that the right solution, since continued monetary restraint is essential to the fight against inflation, was probably to combine some substantial relaxation of exchange controls with some revaluation of the pound. It is a pity that the Government has only adopted one element of that policy.

The argument in favour of

allowing some appreciation in

exchanges have become so fluid and unstable that market forces cannot be resisted indefinitely. Secondly, an appreciating exchange rate is the basis for an increase in the real standard of living of the British people, as a consequence of the good fortune of North Sea oil. The only reason why a higher rate for the pound causes difficulty is the very low productivity of British manufacturing industry in general. It cannot be right to use an artificially low exchange rate for ever as a protection for inefficiency.

The argument in favour of a substantial easing of outward exchange controls is that as a country we should use the windfall gains of our present financial position to acquire income earning assets abroad. If, at the same time, such a policy reduces the upward pressure on the pound that is a by-product which will assist British industry as it tries to improve the general level of its competitiveness. If the upward pressure on sterling persists strongly, the Government must reconsider its decision not to proceed with a substantial relaxation of exchange controls.

CHINA REIMPOSES DISCIPLINE

Since early in the year there forced to live by its wits. Bad have been reports of executions elements, criminals, counterm China. This is certainly evidence enough of the troubled wate to which the country had heen reduced in the decade that ended with the death of Mao Ise-tung in 1976. As to the number, no information is easily available_to foreign correspondents The facts are gathered from the lists of names posted up in cities where trials have heen held-so many sentenced to immediate execution, so many to suspended death sentences, so many to prison terms. Only those foreign visitors able to read the notices—of whom there are many more with students of Chinese from abroad scattered in the major cities—can learn what has happened. From such sources it would seem that many mousands may have been tried but that the number executed may not involve more than some

hundreds. This is the sharp end of the compaign to restore "great order" in the land. It has two One is the settlement with the radicals, those losers in the political battle some of whom may believe that the battle is not yet won by those now in charge in Peking. The other aspect is the restoration of discipline in a China fractured by disorder, where for years the ambitions of the young have been encouraged by such stagans as "to rebel is justified". and where such a younger gencration has been extruded from the political competition to become an underground sub-culture

Private prosecutions

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, I regret that Mr Bennion has

thought fit to attack me (letter October 21). Where there is wide-

spread illegality involving social evils the rule of law is undermined and the cause of freedom which it

Frustian my first main case against the then Commissioner of Police Ford Justice Salmon, now Lord Salmon, said of the gaming laws

Regrettably they have not been

respectably they have not been properly enforced. an immense caming industry, porticularly in London, has been allowed to grow up during the last seven years. This

has inevitably brought grave social evils in its train—protection rackets.

comes of violence and widespread corruption." (1968 2 WLR) page

905. The same thing happened with

The right of private prosecution is a long stop and today is immensely weakened by the very high legal costs involved—so much

so that one wonders why attention is paid to it. But it is part of the

essential freedoms of the citizen. I

his actions delighted the supporters

of a repressive regime. I assumed its loyalty to be to the rule of law.

That is what matters. If Parliament

legalizes rackets I should accept its decision but I do not believe that

in the long run the existing trend in that direction will be successful.

revolutionaries-who can detect the faults behind the jargon or easily distinguish between everyday crime and the paths of political violence? As always in China the information is too sparse to compute the degree of harshness or the amount of injustice that may accompany

without its threat of violence or at least very strong social pressures. What was not permissible lution-very bad in some areas, not at all in others-it has never really died down. In every institution the political factions survived the cultural revolution to where politically motivated strikes had gone so far that thought it would take three to five years to restore orderly working. So in the last laps of the political race in 1976 there was violence in plenty. At least two provincial leaders suffered unexplained deaths now attributed to the gang of four. At lower levels murder and kidnapping helped in seizures of power. The arrests made many months ago in such cases are now ending in sentences.

The hardest question answer is how these years of dis-

In another respect, however, the

Professor does not disappoint; it was inevitable that the argument

about the pregnant, the old and the frail would be trotted out. It always

is. Perhaps I may suggest another ouestion for his students: "Discuss

the effect on a presuant woman or a frail old man with a heart condi-

rion of being subjected to the explosion of non-fragmenting band

grenades which stun and confuse for six seconds, followed by the

who have the same time in which

to shoct the terrorists before their eyes (probably missing some of

them by inches in the process)."

ruption of a squad of commandos

We must not forget that this is

I suggest that just one or two hijackings which failed, totally and

without drama (with everyone con-cerned laughing their fool heads

off perhaps), would rapidly end this perticular form of terror and allow the preenant and the frail to

go on flying if they feel they should

days to steal the Crown Jewels pre-

sumably because failure has the reputation of being inevitable.

There are perhaps many routes to

Not many artempts are made these

in their condition.

Yours faithfully,

Cublington.

Bedfordshire.

August 3, 1049.

HENRY G. BUTTON,

Amhurst Court,

Grange Road, Campridge.

October 20.

October 28.

CLAUD DICKENS,

Fern House. Whitchurch Road,

Near Leighton Buzzard.

Long lived Fellows

From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir, Since the publication on Octo-

ber S of my article about old Fel-

laws a friend in Oxford has drawn

my attention to the remarkable career of W. N. Stocker, whose obituary appears in The Times of

Stocker died in 1949 at the age of

93. He had been a Fellow of Brasenose for some 72 years, hav-

ing won an Open Fellowship back in 1877. He was the last surviving life-Fellow of an Oxford college.

order have affected the youngest generation in China, those now in their twenties or early thirties. The disbanded red guards, the millions disappointed of higher education and a career and sent to the

such a campaign.

There are, however, clear
Maoist standards to which the
radicals should be subject. "Struggle by persuasion" has always been permissible in China though it has never been was "struggle by force". But once started in the cultural revoconfront each other. One of the worst cases was the railways in China.

countryside—how many are now cynical disbelievers? And at the youngest end of this generation how many more rallied to revolutionary slogans and the glorification of Mao Tse-tung only to be equally distilusioned last year? This is where the indiscipline is found, where the "drop-outs" of the Chinese sys-

tem have to fend for themselves, where the "corruption, capitalist tendencies, bourgeois factionalism, counter-revolutionary activities" spread and are now to be brought to a halt by stiff discipline and exemplary sentences. Through so much opaque jargon it is hard to discern to what resorts this generation has been brought by the political turnabouts of the past ten years

That order is the objective of the present campaign need not be doubted. Nor the need for it. If the present leadership cannot command the loyalty among the Chinese masses that the leaders of the fifties did that may make their task the harder. The one thing that they have cn their side is that however tarnished the jargon that divides good and bad the Chinese have a strong preference for order. When Mr Teng Hsiao-ping says the country must get back to

The morality of guerrillas

him in silent approval.

the facts many millions will back

From the Reverend Richard Harries Sir, Mr Salomon (letter, October 26) is right to worry about the means guerrillas use to pursue their ends. It is part of the tradition of Christian ethical thinking on the subject of war and revolution, going back to the great Dominican Fransisco de Vitoria in the seventeenth century, that the conduct of a war, as well as its cause, must be just. In modern terms this has usually meant that those not directly engaged in the war effort should be immune from direct attack.

But Mr Salomon is wrong to think that the conduct of a guer-rilla campaign must inevitably be immoral. The following points are pertinent.

war (the opposition certainly sees it as such) and risks have to be taken. But in war if one side develons an effective defence it does not take long for the enemy to decide to cease attacking that particular (1) A guerrilla war is primarily political struggle. The function of revolutionary army is not to win military victories but to stay in existence long enough for the political battle to be won.

The political struggle depends in large measure on the support of the people on whose behalf the war is being waged. Indiscriminate terror will alienate the people and lessen the chance of political victory. There is therefore a built in pressure for some discrimination to be made.

(3) Revolutionary struggles since the Second World War have varied enormously in the amount of terror thet has been used. Guevara wrote "It is necessary to distinguish clearly between sabotage, a revolutionary and highly effective method of warfare, and terrorism, a measure that is generally ineffective and indiscriminate in its results, since it often makes victims

of innocent people." General Grivas wrote "The truth is that our form of war, in which a few hundred fell in four years, was more selective than most. . . . We shot only British servicemen who would have killed us if they could have fired the first shot, and civilians who were traitors or

in:elligence agents." The view of the British Council of Churches that a distinction can be made "between a discriminate and proportionate use of force and unrestricted violence" is quite correct. It cannot be assumed advance that this principle will be completely disregarded however likely it is that it will sometimes be broken. Yours sincerely. RICHARD HARRIES, All Saints' Vicarage, 70 Fulham High Street, SW6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revaluation of sterling

From Lord Kaldor, FBA

Sir, If Sir Keith Joseph is so anxious to let the pound rise, I for one would have no objection, provided only that it is combined with the well proven Conservative policy of industrial protection. Let us reintroduce the 1932 Act, as interpreted by the Import Duties Advisory Committee, and have a general ad vulorem duty on all manufactures of 20 per cent, with an additional 10 per cent on sensitive items, like chemicals, steel, cars and other engineering

This would kill three birds with one stone. Through the fall in the sterling prices of food and industrial materials it would stop inflation, and might even bring about a falling cost of living index. It would create a tremendous invest-ment boom and thereby regenerate and, in the longer run, enhance the competitive power of British industry. And it would recreate full employment in a matter of a few

years. Let us not forget that in the 23 years. 1932-1955, when imports of menufactures were kept down by import duties and later by licensimport duties and later by licensing, British manufacturing production increased at an average exponential rate of 4 per cent a year — despite the dislocations caused by World War II. This was a much higher growth rate than Britain ever achieved for any length of time either before or more.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS KALDOR, King's College, Cambridge. October 29.

Questioning Mr Thorpe From Mr Bryan Morwood

Sir, You are perplexed by modern morality which finds homosexuality acceptable, yet destroys a leading politician on the basis of the allegation of a past homosexual affair, and you support your argument by morally equating adultery and homosexuality.

Modern morality finds adultery psychologically normal but morally psychologically homosexuality is judged to be psychologically abnormal but morally right (on the basis that if a man has this psychological trait, his indulgence of

it is acceptable).

Personal morality is not the main criterion of judgment in this case, it is more a matter of trust. You would not trust an adulterer with your wife, but you might with your cheque book. An Englishman does not know how far to trust a homosexual, and would prefer not

Although this may explain the interest in the Thorpe affair, it does not justify it, and the continuing pursuit of Mr Thorpe by the mere is in the result. the press is, in my view, morally unjustifiable. I would prefer to give forget about it. Yours faithfully,

BRYAN MORWOOD, 1 Dunstable Court, St Johns Park, SE3.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley Sir, Until the last few days, the accusations and innuendos which have been levelled against Mr

Jeremy Thorpe have been specific, in so far as they have been concerned with his relationship with one person. His press conference was called to answer these charges.

I cannot imagine that anybody (members of the Royal Family, Church leaders, past, present or possible future prime ministers) would willingly answer, truthfully, and in public, questions about his or her sexual experiences or fantasies from adolescence to

middle age.

It is a reflection on our prurient and Godless society that a press conference rather than the confessional should be regarded as the proper place for such disclosures. HUMPHRY BERKELEY.

Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4.

From Mr James Collier

Sir, In your Friday coverage of the press conference given by Mr Jeremy Thorpe, there was mention of a Daily Express reporter remark-ing that I had given him the impres-sion of there being more than an affectionate relationship between Mr Thorpe and Mr Scott. In spite of intense pressure from the press, I have always said that I had no proof of a homosexual relationship

between them. This is another case of certain sections of the press implying things by innuendo, and I am most surised that you should repeat it. feel your report has done Mr Thorpe and me unnecessary harm and the record should be corrected. JAMES COLLIER.

Bibury Court Hotel, Bibury, Near Cirencester,

Gloucestershire.

Secret balloting From Mr J. P. Hudson

Sir, Mr Derek Robinson, joint shop stewards' convenor at Leyland Cars' Longbridge factory, is in noble and indeed ducal company when he declares that "we want to stick to our traditional way of voting". Rather over a century ago the Duke of Argyll wrote to Gladstone

opposing the secret ballot on the grounds that "it might succeed in counteracting some of the most legitimate influence exercised by one class over another. Lord Palmerston, speaking at Tiverton, was more forthright: "to go sneaking to the ballot box, and poking in a piece of paper, looking round to see that no one could round to see that no one could read it, is . . . unworthy of the character of straightforward and honest Englishmen ...

Yours faithfully, J. P. HUDSON, 96 Northchurch Road, Islington, NL

Imposing sanctions on South Africa

From Professor A. R. C. de It should for a long time now Crespieny

Sir, If I may speak bluntly, your distinguished newspaper's approach to the problems of South African politics is far from satisfactory, since it appears to neglect basic facts necessary for any adequate appraisal. Let me list a few of them. 1. The effect of foreign pressure

has been to strengthen the position of the National Party and the more pressure that is exerted the more powerful this party will become. Indeed, a not improbable consequence of intensified pressure will the establishment of a one party

regime.

2 The best way to seek to influence South African policy is through carrots rather than sticks, incentives rather than constraints.
The coercion of NationalistAfrikaners is virtually certain to have an effect the reverse of that which is intended.

supposing that Black rule would be incompatible with the adequate protection of many of their vital cultural and material interests. And if this is so, who can reasonably deny them a right to protect these in-terests—not an unlimited right to do anything they please but a right

do anything mey proventheless?

4. The real choice before South Africa lies not between "white minority rule" and "Black majority hetween one form of rule". but between one form of minority rule or another. "Black majority rule" in any substantial sense is, in the Republic, a spurious alternative. Yours faithfully,

A. R. C. DE CRESPIGNY, Professor of Political Science, University of Cape Town, 8 Phillimore Gardens, W8.

From Mr Edward Millard

Sir, Dr Owen is unlikely to press for a ban on trade with South Africa because of the repercussions this would have on employment in Britain and no doubt his Cabinet colleagues have reminded him of this. The consequences of such short term thinking are to preju-dice our chances for future satisother African states who will be prosperous and who could become large trading partners with Britain long after the inevitable demise of the apartheid system in South

Africa.
The fact is that this attitude by the British Government is defensible moral nor economic meither on moral nor economic nor political grounds. Several important African leaders have recognized publicly the reluctance of Britain to actually take meaningful action in support of its utterances against apartheid. and this one part of the reason for the increase in standing which the Soviet Union has gained in Africa over the last decade. The Brirish Government is in a weak position because it has failed to pave the way for radical action.

Rayleigh, Essex. From Wing Commander 5. John Peskett Sir. Now that we are going seriously into the sanctions business and tell-ing the Rhodesians and South Africans how to run their countries, could we not extend our activities to a few other governments who might be said to qualify for our reproaches?

Our record on sanctions is not

have been condemning and expos-ing apartheid to the British people,

explaining how British trade, and the involvement of British com-

panies in South Africa, is boosting

their economy to the further detri-ment of the black population; and

it should have been arranging, in consultation with trade unions, schemes to cushion the adverse

If the Government does not pre-pare its case, it will of course find people less willing to accept, when

their own jobs and family respon-sibilities are at stake. But to go on

ignoring the means at its disposal to weaken the South African regime

economically and to isolate it poli-

tically is to run away from another "harsh fact of the real world". to
use Dr Owen's words, namely that
the South African Covernment
wants to oppress and exploit its

black population and will continue

to do so for as long as it can. Yours milv. FDWARD MILLARD,

125 Grove Road.

effect on employment in Britain.

very good though we were at one time fairly good at repression. I am old enough to remember that our sanctions at the time of Musso-lin's invering of Alvasinia were rather half-hearted but we did quite well on repression in India. However, since we are determined to go on this crusade, why do we not start with sanctions on all countries which harbour hijackers? This form of terrorism is a threat to the whole world.

I find myself at a loss to understand the vehemence we bring to proposed sanctions against Rhodesia and South Africa when we ignored what went on in Cambodia. We also ignore Uganda and other African states which are far greater centres of terror and repression than Rhodesia and South Africa. Then there are the various Communist countries whose governments meet with our disapproval. I see no sign of sanc-

approval. I see no sign of sanctions there.

By all means let us do what we can to ameliorate the lot of the black man in Africa, but we are not going to do it by the destruction of the economy of two prosperous countries which can only result in ruin for whites and blacks. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, S. JOHN PESKETT, Westwell House,

Invitation to Mr Begin From Mr Said Hammami

Sir, Sixty years ago, without warning or even consulting the Palestinians, the British Government pub-lished the Balfour Declaration. lished the Balfour Declaration. With that document, the British lit the fuse for the Palestine tragedy. Thirty years ago, Menahem Begin, then leader of the underground frgun Zvai Leumi, was working hard to precipitate the final explosion as a result of which we the Palestinians were dispossessed of our ancestral homeland.

In a few weeks' time that same Begin is to visit this country as the guest of a different British Government. I know it is different because its leader, Prime Minister James Callaghan, in a speech re-assuring his Jewish audience about Britain's concern for the security of Israel, said on October 23; "But we have always been concerned too about the appalling human prob-lems of those who lost their homes and their livelihood during various stages of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Unless we accept and understand their sense of grievance we will never achieve a peace that is

May I say, as a Palestinian, how warmly I welcome Mr Callaghan's remarks. May I add that an acceptable and lasting peace could be achieved through a complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In the eyes of the world community such a solution is just and possible especially since President Carter spoke of the need to establish a Palestinian homeland. And it was ex-pressed again by Mr Callaghan in the speech from which I have quoted in which he went on to say : There is no prospect of a lasting peace coming about in the Middle East unless the Palestinian problem is solved. We believe the way to solve it is by setting up a home-land of some kind for the Palestinian Arabs." Of course we Palestinians have

bitter feeling about the British Government's decision to invite Mr Begin to visit this country. We fear that this official invitation will encourage those in Israel who share Mr Begin's determination not to withdraw from the Palestinian territory nor to recognise the Palestinian people's rights. I hope Mr Callaghan's courage and sense of justice will impress on Mr Begin the need for a settlement alone the line already indicated by Britain's Prime Minister.

Sincerely yours, S. HAMMAMI. Representative, Palestine Liberation Organization, London Office. 52 Green Street, W1. October 27,

Religion and the young

From Bishop F. H. West Sir, Mrs Shirley Williams, according to your report (October 26) on her latest reflections on religious education in maintained schools, has noticed what she describes as "a recrudescence of fundamentalism of one sort or another" among the young. So have I. In my visits to schools in Somerset and part of Ayon I have been noting a great change in the attitude of young people towards religion over the

past five years. In the 1960s it was difficult to get the average sixth form to take the subject seriously. When con-fronted with a class I detected a certain amount of supercilious amusement in their attitude towards me. In their eyes I personally, and the faith I represented, seemed to lack credibility. If there were believing Christians among them, they kept very silent.

Not so today. In one corner of the room there is usually a minority of highly articulate young Chris-tians, significantly and regrettably, to my mind, grouped together, whose enthusiasm often reduces the rest to silence.

can recall one occasion when a distinguished technologist and I jointly chaired a debate on Religion and Science. All the questions addressed to us were on the ethical and religious implications of techour own conclusions from the change that has taken place. At any rate, RE teachers do not

have to create interest in religion. It exists along with a tendency to-wards all kinds of fancy religions, some of them harmful. The situafrom requires firm sympathetic, in-formal and wise handling.

But the point I really want to make is that if ever RE were re-

moved from the syllabus of our state schools, the children of the next generation would be deprived of a subject which is arousing an increasing interest among a considerable minority of the young at the present time. Yours, etc. FRANK WEST. 11 Castle Street, Aldbourne, Wiltshire,

Protecting North Devon From Mr F. J. Brayley

October 27.

Sir, I have farmed this land for 57 years. The Transport Minister should let me take him to the steep hillside below my thatched farm-house to look down the narrow valley where his huge road will go, if rumour hereabouts is true. He will see B221 already climbing out of that valley.

I will take him across Mazard

Tree Lane to another of my fields above where his road will cut into the hillside from Five Crossways. He will see the traffic moving on A361.

Then we will climb to my ton field west of the church and the lane along the ridge cross and lean on my neighbour's gate. He will see the traffic on A373 on the far

Three main roads, yet he wants to squeeze another in. and wherever it goes there is hardly a spot where it won't be seen, making our hill country like the outskirts of a city. I say nothing about the loss of land for sheep and crops. Yours faithfully, F. J. BRAYLEY. Pearchay Farm, Ash Mill, South Molton, North Devon.

Hanging Turner's paintings

From the President of the Royal

Acad\my Sir, I hesitate to prolong still further the tit-for Tate controversy over Somerset House but wish, if I may, to comment briefly upon the Tate Trustees' press statement which was the subject of your lead-

ing article (October 28).

It is splendid to hear at last the squeak of rusty hinges from Millbank, to learn that shortly there will be a series of Turner watercolours on show (as in 1928) and that in the future if funds permit— (ah those familiar reservations!)some of the hundred or more Turner oils now in store may one day be placed on view in the temday be placed on view in the temporarily converted wards of the disused Military Hospital nearby.

But the stone in this particular fruit is hard indeed. It is still apparently the opinion of the Trustees and their advisers that, despite the recent improvements, either already achieved or offered by DOE, the physical conditions in the recently restored rooms of Somerset House fail to reach the standards necessary in their view for the safe and proper display of Turner's work—and by implication therefore of any other first class painting.

If this rigorous policy (luckily not shared by the generous lenders to the recent London/Thames Exhibition) is seriously to be pursued. imitated by other lenders, it is dispiriting news not only for Somer-set House, whose beautifully restored rooms are doomed to be left either bare or a background to the second rate, not only for us at Burlington House—where we still open the windows when it is hot (as they do at Windsor Castle) and

close them when it is cold—but for scores of similarly old fashioned provincial museums and galleries who will presumably be denied the privilege of national loans unless they spend a fortune on experts, air conditioning and humidification.

If the original ideas of the Turner Society now seem perhaps over optimistic, the more modest proposals put forward in your columns (October 18) by Henry Moore, Lord Clark and others (and which Lady Birk said DOE would facilitate) for a "revolving" ex-hibition of Turner's oils and water-colours chosen from those now in

to a place where (as at present) they cannot, is surely to be welcomed. The top floor of Somerset House stands splendid, ready, and empty. It must not remain so.

store does not seem unreasonable. True it can be described as "dispersal". But dispersal to a place

these works can be seen rather than

Yours faithfully, HUGH CASSON, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1. October 31.

Mapping buried history

From Mrs E. V. W. Proudioo: Sir, The current programme of reorganization of the Ordnance Survey is to result in further curtailment of the Archaeological Branch and its vital role in archaeological research in this country. Scotland will feel this additional withdrawal of services most keenly, since no other agency here undertakes this particular work, of locating, surveying, classifying sites and publishing them on maps, while maintaining a sup-portive card index of new, known, visible and destroyed sites.

Maintenance of the card index is

to be at secondary level, yet this to be at secondary level, yet this card index, requiring frequent updating, holds a wealth of information, a basic tool for any archaeological research. All who have used the Ordnance Survey cards are improved that the cards are improved. pressed by the detail contained, both in respect of field investiga-tions over the years and in respect of supportive documentary research The Basic Scale Field Programme, started in 1947 and due to be finished in 1980, is to be stopped only months from completion. Sites are to be noted on maps, by nonare to be noted on maps, by non-archaeological surveyors, only if they see them. Many sites visible and clear to the trained eye will simply pass unnoticed under this system. Already experimental changes in information gathering have proved unsuitable, since not all regions are either equipped or motivated to provide such informa-tion. The information flow must be to the regions from a strong central

Scottish department. At a time when our way of life increasingly destructive of our archaeological environment, the Ordonce Survey should be strengthened, not reduced. If as many sites as possible are not noted on maps, planners and developers cannot be expected to know of their existence. Such mapping is a national rather than a regional responsibility. There is therefore a strong case for main-taining and strengthening the Ordnance Survey Archaeological Branch for Scotland, in Edinburgh, since at present they alone have the facili-ties and trained personnel to continue such site recording.

Yours faithfully, EDWINA V. W. PROUDFOOT. Westgate, Wardlaw Gardens, St Andrews,

Napoleon's last doctor From Colonel E. W. Oxenford

October 26.

Sir, In today's issue of The Times October 27) on page 7 under "Death notes on Napoleon sold in Paris". Dr Archibald Arnott is described as "RN". He was in fact surgeon of the XXth Regt who were at that time stationed in St Helena. He held all the clasps of the Peninsular Medal for actions in which the XXth were engaged. I will gladly supply details of

this officer's service. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, E. W. OXENFORD, Lieut-Col XXth The Lancashire Fusiliers (Retd), Cool Bawn, Thurlestone,

Kingsbridge. South Devon.

Yours faithfully.

30 Homefield Road,

danters involved in anaesthesia.

Chiswick, W4.

RAYMOND BLACKBURN,

From Mr C. E. C. Dickens sir. The eminent Professor (letters, (ictoher 28) who so obviously enletters, October 221 misjudges me-I suggest, a fair bet that every word d will be carefully weighed : corefore when I said "sleep" d d not mean "anaesthetize". Indeed there would have been no harves there are such gases and even layman has some idea of the l'aring said that, I will admit ticulty. The grees I had in mind

Stopping hirackers

When writing to The Times it is, that I meent because of course one were the so-called nerve gases more ... to emanate from one of our

defence establishments than from a

other of medicine, however distinguished if there is one, for instance, which makes people ineffably happy it might do very well.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

October 21: By command of The Queen, the Lord Wallace of Queen, the Lord Wallace of Coslany (Lord in Walling) was present at Heathrow Airport, Lonpresent at reaturow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of Shaikh Khailfah bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qarar, and welcomed His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

Princess Margaret will attend the royal concert in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund, at the Festival Hall on November 22. The Duke of Kent will visit the factory of Molins Ltd and open the Handy Cross Sports Centre, High Wycombe, on November 16. Princess Alexandra will visit Gogarburn Hospital, Edinburgh, on November 10.

The Earl and Countries of Selkirk deeply regret they were not able to attend the funeral service held A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hollenden will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1977, at 2000, in Southwark Cathedral.

A memorial service for Brian Hugh Colquitoun will be held at 5t Margaret's Church, West-ninster, tomorrow, Wednesday, at

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr R. B. D. Douglas Wright will be held at St Saviour's, Warwick Avenue, W9, Princess Margaretha Mrs Ambler rincess margaretta Mrs Amoler will be present on Thursday, November 17, when the Swedish Ambassador opens the annual Swedish Christmas Fair at the Swedish Church Hall, Harcourt Street, Old Marylebone Road, at 11 am.

Eutectic + Castolin Institute

The Eutectic + Castolin Institute held a ceremony yesterday at the Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at which the Conservationist of the Year awards were presented by Mr Edward Heath, MP.

The chairman of the independent panel of judges which selected the winning entrants was Major-General Sir Leonard Atsison. The other judges were Professor J. G. Ball, professor of physical metallurgy and head of department, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Mr J. M. S. Hart, manager of the maintenance and operations division of the department of mechanical and electrical engineering, Creater Level Control Mrs. the department of mechanical and electrical engineering, Greater London Council, Mr J. C. R. Hewgill, director of technical services of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, and Mr E. C. Lovelock, manager of the estates division of Shell UN. The award-winning companies

First: Chrysler Scotland Ltd. Second: 34 Central Workshops REME, Third: Notting Pany Ltd.

A further seven companies were "highly crammended" by the judges. They were: Babcock and Wilcox Ltd. BSC Stanton and Stareley (Tubes Division). British Staveley (Tubes Division). Britering all Engineering Ltd. (Horwich Workshops), Crossville Motor Services Ltd., Levland Cars (Long-bridge UK) Ltd., Firestone Tyre and Rubber Commany Ltd., and Hewson and Turrell Ltd.

The judges decided that one other company, Intalrdril Offshore Services Ltd. was worthy of a

Birthdays today

BITTHOLAYS TOULAY
Lord Balfour of Inchrye. 80; Lord
Brockway, 89; the Right Rev
L. A. Brown, 70; Admiral Sir
John Bush, 63; Air Marshal Sir
Edward Chilton, 71; Mr Terence
Cuneo, 70; Sir Eric Griffith
Jones, QC. 64; Lord HarmarMicholls, 65; Professor K. H.
Jackson, 68; Sir Hector MacLennan, 72; Mrs Noami Mitchison, 80; Mr Philip Nocl-Baker, Mr Philip Nocl-Baker,

Forthcomicg marriages

Mr H. T. B. Smith and the Hon Susanna Arbuthnott The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs Lewis Smith, of Darulce, Melrose, Roxburghishire, and Susanna, daughter of the Viscount and Viscountess of Arbuthnott, of Arbuthnott House, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire.

Mr P. J. Crichton-Stuart and Miss A. M. H. Williams The engagement is announced between Patrick James, only sou of Mr and Mr: Patrick Crichton-Stuart, of Langton House, Aires-ford. Hampshire, and Amanda Mary Howel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Cos-ford House. Thursley, Surrey. ford House, Thursley, Surrey.

Air B. T. Jefferies and Miss S. E. Owen and Miss S. E. Owen
The engagement is announced
between Barry, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Richard Jefferies, of
Childwall, Liverpool, and
Stephanie, only daughter of Mr
and Mrs Edgar R. Owen, of The Mr T. Maassen

and Miss L. S. Lynn The marriage will take place on December 10 between Tentis Maassen, of Monnickendam, Holland, and Lesley Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lynn, of 76 Londoun Road, Lon-don, NWS.

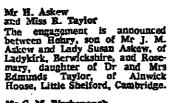
Mr R. J. A. Taylor
and Miss S. V. Owen
The engagement is announced
butween Roger, only son of Mr
and Mrs A. Taylor, of Lendon,
and Saily, elder daughter of Mr
C. Owen, of London, and Mrs
M. Owen, of Norfolk.

Memorial services

Marling
A memorial service for LieutenautColonel Sir John Marling, was
held at St Peter's, Eaton Square,
yesterday. The Rev Desmond
Tiliyer, the Rev Gervase Murphy,
who gave an address, and Field
Marshal Sir Richard Hull, who
read the lesson, took part in the
service. Among those present

Mr E. Lawley
A memorial service for Edgar
Lawley was held in the chapel of
St Mary's Hospital, W2, on
October 27. The lesson was read
by Mr George Bonney and an
address was given by Lord Porrlit.
The Rev Douelas Pett, hospital
chaplain, officiated, and among
those present were: triappinin, britished, and among those precent were:

Mr J. Crawford Adams, Viscount Bearsted, Mr John Black. Mr 2nd Mrs G. L. W. Bonney, Mr Brockes, 11:9 D. Tameld, Mrs Colton, Dr and Mrs P. W. M. Copenan. Mrs Cowels. Mr A. Cross. Mr K. A. Davies, Mrs W. Denby, Dr C. H. Edwards, Mr W. Denby, Dr C. H. Edwards, Mr



Mr C. M. Birchenough gud Miss K. A. Gilbert

the engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs H. P. Birchenough, of Fulling Mill Farm, Leeds, Kent, and Kate, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gilbert, of Luddesdown Old Rectory, near Graves-

Mr J. Dancy and Miss S. N. Wyatt The engagement is amnounced between Jonathan, son of the late Lieutenaut-Commander P. R. Dancy, RNVR, and Mrs N. B. Sherwell, of Old Shalesbrook, Forest Row, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. N. Wyatt, of Knowle, Mayfield, Sussex.

Mr J. M. Jefferson and Miss M. M. N. Grabam The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Group Captain and Mrs J. N. Jefferson, of Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, and Mary, elder daughter of Major and Mrs N. J. O. Graham, of Househill, Nairn, Scotland.

The engagement is announced between David Stannard, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. D. Jenkins, of Elm Cottage, Oakfield Lame, Wilmington, Kett, and Fiona Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. L. G. Nicoll, of Beech House, Kingerby, Lincolnshire.

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League
The chairman of the Royal OverSeas League, Lord Grey of
Naunton, and members of the central council entertained the
recently appointed Commissioner
for Hongkong, Mr Denis Bray, at
lancheon at Over-Seas House, St
Jamea's yesterday.

By Geraldine Norman

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A happy marriage of East and
West was illustrated by a silvermounted famille rose jug sold at
Christie's yesterday for £3,200
(estimate £2,500 to £3,500). The
painting on the jug depicts a
woman and exotic birds on a river
bank where ducks swim among
the reeds; the Chinese decorator
is imitating a print by Cornelius
Pronck, and he in turn was interpretting the decoration he had
seen on a piece of Chinese blueand-white porcelain.
The jug has an Italian

seen on a piece of Chinese blueand-white porcelain.

The jug has an Italian eighteenth-century hinged silver cover, probably made in Padua or Venice. The price was bid despite a chipped spout.

A famille verte monteith painted with scholars in conversation in a landscape fetched £3.800 (estimate £1,300 to £2,500). The shape, with six trefoil projections at the rim, is usually found with blue-and-white decoration but is rare in famille verte enamels.

At the end of the sale was a large group of very attractive flower and bird paintings dating from the late eighteenth or early insettenth centuries. They were sent for sale by Prince S. A. Radziwill and are framed in attractive imitation bamboo and graited wood frames. The bidding ran to unexpected levels, one group of six paintings selling for £1,200 (estimate £150 to £250).

The sale made £101,979, with 24 per cent unsold. Christie's attributed the high proportion of unsold items to the owners' insistence on reserves higher than the auctioneers advised.

Christie's also held a sale of

the auctioneers advised.

Christie's also held a sale of English porcelain, which totalled £29,944, with 9 per cent unsold. Services sold exceptionally well, a Coalport part dessert service

Village inn is

National Trust

left to the

England
Mr Reginald Murley, President of
the Royal College of Surgeons of
England, entertained Sir Jules
Thora, Mr Bernard Harries, Mr
J. Michael Pickard, Professor A. J.
Harding Rains and Mr W. F.
Davis at Iuncheon at the college

"Financial Times" Industrial Architecture Award, 1977
The eleventh Financial Times Industrial Architecture Award annual presentation of awards took place yesterday at a lunche to at Goldsmiths' Hall, London. The current this year was made to the at Godsmins Hau, London. The award this yeor was made to the furniture factory for Herman Miller Lm, Bath, Avon, designed by the Farrell Grimshaw Pariner-ship, to whom the trophy was presented. Principal guests included. included: Shore Secretary of State for the Envronment. Sir Edward Brown. MP. Sir Hugh Casson. President of the Royald Medical State of the Royald Mr. Lan Milarto, MP. Mr. Gordon State of the Royald Mr. Lan Milarto, MP. Mr. Gordon Graham, President of the RIBA. The hosts were the Chirm in of the Financial Times, Lord Gibson, and his fellow directors.

Reception

Monday Club
The Africa group of the Monday
Club held a reception at 7 Cadogan Court Gardens yesterday evening (by permission of Mrs Betty
Cacrell) in honour of Mrs Jill
Knight, MP, who was the gnest
speaker. Mr Harold Sorel was in
the chair and those present
Included:
Str Archibald James. Str Edger
Kentings. Str Victor and Lady Ralkes,
Mr David Ramed, Go. and Mrs Karnel,
Commander U. C. F. Clark and Major
H. M. Edmonts.

Dimners

Air Force Board Mr James Welibeloved, Underthe RAF, presided at a dinner given by the Air Force Board at Admiralty House, Whitehall, last night. The following were

Shipwrights' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was the principal
guest at the annual dinner of the
Shipwrights' Company held at the

Isaac Deutscher prize The Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize for 1977 to the value of 1100, has been awarded to Processor S. S. Prawer for his book Karl Marx and World Literature. Work, published in typescript, may be submitted for the 1978 prize by May 1 to the Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize, c/o Lloyds Bank, 68 Warwick Square, London SW1.

Latest appointments New Black Rod

New Biack Rod
Lieutenaut-General Sir David
House, General Officer CommandIng, and Director of Operations
Northern Ireland since 1975, is to
become G-uticman Usher of the
Black Rod and Sergeam at Arms
attending the Lord Chancellor, in
succession to Admiral Sir Frank
Twiss, who resigns on January 10.
Sir David relinquishes his present
post on Monday.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Oct 31, 1952 Sudan independence

outed 1830 and dedicated " a ses bons amis Taurel".

Mrs Baker's father-in-law founded the First National City Eank and her husband was the bank's president until his death in 1937. The contents of her homes reflected good expensive iaste.

Lord Ramsey of Canterbury with Canon Gonville ffrench-Beytagh at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, Westminster, yesterday. Canon ffrench-Beytagh, who resigned as Dean of Johannesburg in 1972 after successfully appealing against imprisonment under the

terrorism Act, heard Lord Ramsey speak on the importance of the Anglo-Catholic tradition in the Church of England.

Silver-mounted famille rose jug with

East and West styles fetches £3,200

From Our Own Correspondent Cairo, Oct 30.—Sir Abdel Rahma From Our Own Correspondent Cairo, Oct 30.—Sir Abdel Rahman al-Mahdi called on General Neguib at the Presidency today, to take leave before departing for Khartoum after the successful conversations which the delegates of the Sudan independence movement have had with the Egyptan government. The substance of the agreement is that Egypt approves immediate self-government for the Sudan on the basis of the draft constitution which is due to be promulgated by the Governor-General any time after November 8. Amendments are proposed with the object of ensuring that before the end of three years the Sudanese would be able to choose their future status—which may be either independence or union with Egypt—free from any external influence. The key to the agreement between Egypt and the Sudan independence parties was General Neguib's acceptance of the principle that sovereigmy over the Sudan resse with the Sudanese pending self-determination. In doing so the General Courageously reversed the policy of previous governments which had asserted Egyptian sovereigmty though conceding to the Sudanese the right The finance committee of the National Trust will consider later this month whether to accept a bequest of the Fleece Inn, at Bretforton, near Evesham, parts of which date from the fifteenth cenit was left to the trust con-ditionally on its being accepted within six mounts of the death of the owner, Miss Lola Almeda Taplin, who died on July 15, aged 82

Taplin, who died on July 15, aged 83.

In her will, published yesterday, Miss Taplin left £54,097 net. After bequests of about £1,300, she left threequarters of the residue for the upkeep of the inn, which had been in her family for nearly 500 years.

She stipulated that if the trust did not accept the offer the inn and the residue of the estate should go to \$t Leonard's parish church, Bretforton, to which she left the other quarter of the residue.

A trust official at Tewkesbury

residue.

A trust official at Tewkesbury said a full report on the financial requirements had been prepared, but he could not indicate whether it would be acceptable. It was unusual for the trust to be left a public house, although it ran one in the Lake District and one in Coruwall.

Cornwall.

Other estates include (net before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Askew, Dr Alan Harford, of Sheffield
Silvanter, Mr Henry, of Leytonstone 143,619
Clifford-Baynes, Mr Ian David, of Chiddingstone 1655,115
Higson, Mr James Robert, of Hornsea, intestate 114,865
Irwin, Marion Annie Maria, of Bristol, intestate 1666,822
Penn, Mr Joseph Douglas, of Clent 1610,376
Peyre, Louis Wilson, of Mortlake 145,858
Woods, Mr George, of Ormskirk 5148,757

Sandringham grants The Queen has been given grants totalling nearly £5,000 by West Norfolk District Council to improve five cottages on the Sandringham estate.

House School, are due to retire in the near future. Would all past parents and former pupils who wish to express their gratitheir donations to : Mrs L. J. B. Lee, The White House, Newnham, Baldock. Hertfordshire Cheques should be made payable to: L. J. B. Lee and T. M. O'Neill Re lingham and will be

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governments which had asserted Egyptian sovereignty though conceding to the Sudanese the right to secede. By recognizing the Sudan's right of independence General Negulb advances Egypt's aim of securing evacuation of the British from the Nile Valley and has established relations with the Sudanese which should be a valuable insurance policy for Egypt's vital interest in Nile waters.

Momer notes investitire on behalf of the Queen, 11.

The Duke of Gloucester attends annual meeting of Historic Houses Association. Festival Hall, 9.40; and Design Coun-SS COnference to launch Farm Buildings Catalogue, Agri-culture House, Knightsbridge, 11.30.

Admiral Sir Harold Burrough

A thanksgiving service for Admiral Sir Harold Martin Burrough will be held at noon, on Thursday, December 8, 1977, in St Martin-in-the-Fields. It is requested that applications for tickets be forwarded to the following address by Monday, November 21: Ministry of Defence (Navy) NP2, Room 202, Archway Block Sout... Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, SW1 (01-218 2943).

St Andrew's Ball

and J. Wimp, BA. PhD; math, cs: H. Beitol; H. G. McIntyre, BA. MA. and G. D. Morley, BA. MA. modern languages; I. S. Ruddock, PhD, natural philosophy; Cather M. Weddell, BA. office organization of the commence, J. Haggard, M. Gremietty, J. Haggard, M. Boon, BPhatra, PhD, pharmaceutic mology: S. K. Ezmerjee, BMechan, production management & man

OBITUARY

SIR JACK SCAMP Industrial 'trouble shooter'

Sir Jack Scamp, once famous as industry's "trouble-shooter extra-ordinary", has died at the age of 64 while convalescing in Devon.

He was almost continually in the public eye as the country's leading peacemaker for six years, from 1964 to 1970. During that time he was called in by the Government whenever there was trouble. Headlines such as "Jack Scamp blames both sides", were a newspaper commonplace. As chairman of the Motor Industry Joint Labour Council he conducted more than 20 inquiries into the troubles of motor firms and made suggestions to companies and to the Government to improve industrial relations in that strike-ridden industry. He was also chairman of courts in inquiry into disputes affecting railway footplate staff, transporter drivers, dockers, airline pilots, sewing machinists at Ford's, shipyard workers at Barrow, coal trimmers in the north-east. In the same period he was a member of the Industrial Court and a member of the Lord Devlin inquiry into the docks. For over a year from 1965 to 1966 he was seconded to the Department of Industrial Affairs as Economic advisor. He was a director of Fairfields shippard during the experimental period of public ownership. He became a director of Urwick Orr and Partners, the management conworkers at Barrow, coal mim-

Parmers, the management con-sultants and at the time of his sultants and at the time of his death was chairman.

But in the autumn of 1970 this period of his life came to an end. That was the time of the dispute over the pay of dustmen and other local authority workers. Having failed to persuade the Government of the two sides

ment to intervene, the two sides jointly appointed a three-man committee of inquiry with Scamp as chairman. The commistee awarded the men slightly more than the employers last offer, but the way in which their recommendation was worded infuriated Mr Edward worded infuriated Mr Edward Heath, the Prime Minister, and his colleagues, who were strongling to restrain infla-ionary wage movements. Scamp had realized, and said, a couple of years before this that his time as reasonnaker

that his time as peacemaker was bound to be short. In 1968 he calculated that be had con-ducted 21 inquiries and remarked that the constant writing of reports which necessarily exposed skeletons in the cup-board would in the end make people say that they did not want to have him looking into their affairs again.

The most difficult task he undertook was the attempt to bring some order into the in-

described them as nineteenth-century in George III style and estimated their value at \$700 to \$900; by the time of the sale the auctioneers had realized that they were genuine George III pieces and had attributed them to Matthew Boulton, hence their higher value. At Sotheby's in London yes-terday a sale of printed books decorated with bouquets of flowers and commining 22 pieces brought the top price at £1,500 (estimate £600 to £800). the top price at £1,600 (estimate £600 to £800).

At the weekend Sotheby Parks Bernet in New York sold property from the estate of the late Edith Kane Baker in an outstandingly successful four-session sale. Every lot was sold and the sales totalled £914,860.

The London dealers, Baskett and Day, took the New York auctioneers by surprise when they bid a record \$55,000 (estimate \$9,000 to \$12,000) or £30,839, for an Ingres's portrait drawings are among the best loved graphic works of the early inneteenth century. The New York drawing depicts the artist's wife in a broad-brimmed bonnet with the artist in the background. It is dated 1830 and dedicated "å ses bons amis Tourel". terday a sale of printed books made £73,167, with 2 per cent unsold. The top price of £5,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) was paid by A. Scott for a first edition of £49 of the King Edward version of the Book of Common

sion of the Book of Common. Prayer.

£800 chairs: There was keen overseas competition at Phillips's sale of furniture and works of art yesterday. Several Spanish buyers were outbid by Germans and there was American and New Zealand participation.

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Nevertheless the British led the way in the highest priced lors.

A private British buyer paid £800 for a set of 10 carved oak chairs of Carolean design (estimate £500) and £670 for a Louis Phillippe centre table (estimate £500). Cordova paid £500 for a Victorian walmut breakfast table (estimate £500) and Klerner £440 for a set of six Victorian mahogany dining chairs (estimate £400).

The sale totalled £29,100, with 2 per cent unsold.

A sale of modern arts at Phillip's totalled £32,550, with 4 per cent unsold. Newman paid £3,700 for a painting of a Melbourne steam ferry by Walter Withers (estimate £1,000).

A Venetian scene by Edward Seago went to Wheeler for £3,600 (estimate £4,000) and Frost and Reed paid £3,500 for a typical William Russell Flint water colour, s' Model and Chinese phillosopher'' (estimate £2,000).

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A small Fragonard oil, "Cupid sacrificing his wings for the desight: of the first kiss", fetched \$85,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000) or £47,752. A Ben Marshal hunting scene went to the Leger Gallery of London at \$72,500 (estimate \$40,000 to \$50,000) and a New York dealer paid \$70,000 (estimate \$12,000 to \$15,000) or £39,326 for an uncharacteristic Foujits work, "Filles aux oiseaux".

The pair of gilt-metal and leather knife uras that fetched \$27,500 or £15,450 provide an example of the importance of recognizing the correct origin of works of art. Sotheby's catalogue

Today's engagements

Elizabeth the Queen er holds investiture on

culture house, Kngnispriage, 11.30.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, visits 1st Battalion, Colchester, 2.30.

The High Commissioner for Maltese stamps, Stanley Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 12.

University extension lecture: "Changing pastoral attitudes: (6) anthority", St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.

St Ethelburga's, Bishopsgate, sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day, 12.10.

Service dinner

The London Scottish
The London Scottish regiment held their annual Hallowe'en reunion dinner at regimental head-quarters, 59 Buckingham Gate, last night. Colonel D. V. Penman presided and Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, GOC Scotland, was principal guest.

St Andrew's Ball will take place on St Andrew's Eve, Tuesday, November 29, at Grosvenor House, Dancing will be to the Cavendish Band from Edinburgh. Beby Creche available, Ball tickets at £8 each are obtainable from the Secretary, Edgehill, Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

industry as independent chairman of the joint council. In many cases the disputes which provoked the inquiry were resolved, but Scamp was disresorved, but ocamp was disappointed that his longer-term recommendations produced little apparent effect. He resigned after four years, but by then some leaders on both sides were arranged imparticular. sides were growing impatient of his exposure of their failures. All the time he was carrying out his activities as independent public peace-maker. Scamp continued to earn his living in the career of personnel manage-ment which he had pursued almost all his life.

Born in Birmingham in 1913, Athelstan Jack Scamp left school when he was 14 and got an office inb with the Great Western Railway. He was a guner during the Second World War but left the forces with a large injury and injured with a knee injury and joined Rovers, where he became assistant personnel manager. There followed a period with Rugby Portland Cement. He went on to become chief personnel man with the Plessey company, then Massey Ferguson and then, in 1962, the General Flore Company of which he became

Associate Professor of Indus-trial Relations in Warwick

University.
Scamp played football as an amateur for West Bromwich Albion and was also a cricketer and tennis player. Six feet two inches in height, pink complexioned, abstemious, he looked the athlete that he was But he was unassuming in manner, quick to establish quietly friendly relations.

During his time with the Rugby Portland Cement Company, he made his home at Rurby and continued to go there at weekends and sit on the bench on Saturday morning. the bench on Saturday mornings. He was a director of the Coventry City Football Club and had been chairman.

He married in 1939 Jane, daughter of John Kendall. They had one son and one daughter.

PROF ANDREW ROBERTSON

Lord Baker writes:

I was, from 1933 to 1939, a close colleague of Professor Andrew Robertson, whose death was announced in The Times of October 27. Andrew was a great engineer, elert and active to the last, but his main contributions to engineering were an fundamental and were made British Standard specifications relating to the strength of framed structures. Great though scientific contributions were, his main work was in engineer of October 27. Andrew was a great engineer, alert and active ing education as Dean of to the last, but his main contributions to engineering were all affairs at Bristol University for 30 years or more. In addition to the hundreds of pupils using them every day forget that they ever had to be made. Sixty years ago. working in memorials. These are the magthat they ever had to be made. In with affection he had some sixty years ago, working in memorials. These are the mag-manchester with his close mificent buildings erected by triend Professor Cook, later of Bristol University between the Glasgow University, Robertson was triend Professor Cook, later of Glasgow University, Robertson elucidated the phenomenon of the yield of mild steel. He went on, during the 1914-18 War, working for the Air Ministry, to explain the behaviour of pin-ended compression mem-bers. His results, in 1932, were enshrined, and remain, in all shrewd enough to see, what business men seem to have forgotten today, that if you have the money the time to build is during a recession. He also had the charm which enabled him to persuade his colleagues to

In 1919, Maclanes was Head

of the Modern Languages Department of the Senior War Office School of Education. From 1920 to 1924 he studied in Paris and Grenoble and was

in Paris and Grenoble and was appointed Assistant Lecturer in French at the University of Manchester in 1924. From there he went to the University of Glasgow, leaving Glasgow in 1932 to take the Chair of French at what was then the University College of Hull.

Mr Keith Carmody, the Aus-

Correction

LADY JAMES PROF W. A. MacINNES

Lady James, CBE, widow of Sir F. E. James, well known in Indian political circles until Professor William Alexander MacInnes, MC, Professor of French at the University College and the University of Hull from 1932 to 1957, died at Withernsea near Hull on Octohe retired in 1946, died on October 21, in her 87th year. She was the first director of the Women's Auxiliary Corps. India, having worked with Sir Dashwood Strettle, the first Withernsea near Hull on Octo-ber 21, at the age of 85.

Born in April, 1892, Mac-Innes was educated at Glasgow High School and at the Univer-sities of Glasgow, Paris, Grenoble and Florence. He fought in the First World War, rising from the ranks to become a Cappain in the 11th Border Regiment, and won the MC and Bar. controller, from whom she later took over the running of this Corps in 1941.

She was a live wire, who recruited most of the personnel necraited most of the personnel herself at that time.

An honest, direct person, she will be remembered for her self-discipline, efficiency, singlemindedness and tremendous loyalty. Unfortunately due to ill health, she was obliged to re-sign and hand over to her successor two years later.

Dr Norman Scotlard, curator of the Riverdale Zoo, Toronto, for 20 years, died in Picton, Ontario, on October 23. He emigrated from Wimbledon in 1931, and served with the Commonwealth Forces in the Far East.

Mr Raymond Craine, Lord Mayor of Liverpool last year, has died in hospital in Liver-pool. He was 62.

Major-General Gerald Patrick Linton Weston, CB, CBE, DSO, who died on October 26 at the age of 67, was senior operations officer, Makaya, 1952-55 (being mentioned in despatches); and tree Discretor of Land (Air Way, Mrs Nora Warwick Stewart, who has died at Chester in her 91st year, was the widow of Brigadier C. G. Stewart, CBE, who died in his 74th year in 1965. They were married in 1920 in Constantanople, where he was then in command of an RASC Moster Boat Stewart and sick was Director of Land/Air War-fare, War Office, 1960-64 From 1957 to 1960 be was Commandent of the Army Air Corps Motor Boat Squadron, and she was one of the American staff of the Relief Commission of the tralian cricketer, died in Sydney on October 21 at the age of late Herbert (later President) Hoover.

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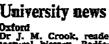
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The Social Science Research Council has awarded a grant of £15.514 to the department of psychology to assist Dr A. Whiten in a study of the educational en-vironment of infants in Britain vironment of and Nigetria. Appointments

Lecturers: Dr P. A. V. Anderson, BSc (St And) MA. PhD (Call), 20010gy; Dr C. Carey, MA. PhD (Canta), Cantab. Crock; Dr C. W. Evans, BSc. PhD (Auckland), anatomy and experimental pathology; P. B. Humfrey, BA (Dublia), MA (London), fine arts. Dublin Professor Donald Weir, aged 43,

chairman of the medical committee of the Federared Dublin Voluntary Hospitals and St James's Hospital, has been appointed to the Regius Appointments:





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than enormous permanent dis-plays at Somerset House or the Tate would be to put most of the paintings in store and have a constantly changing display

than on the late works which have perhaps been overstressed and over-exposed in recent times. Both The Bridgwater Seaplece (real title Dutch

master, giving lectures, which bores the children to tears in Androcles. Even such a light, swiftly-paced production as the

Beethoven's later piano sonatas

in the second of his South Bank

recitals on Sunday afternoon;

this time he played the very last three, which can arguably be regarded as a trilogy, and effectively seemed so in these

They were straightforward,

thought our with complete muci-cianly consistency, perfectly poised between poetry and philosophy, emotion and reason.

Pollini's virtuoso pianistic equip-ment was applied at full stretch, as much in the seamless, exactly

For a violinist to play three

concertos in a single programme

bespeaks either foolhardiness or

superb cheek, and doubly so if

he chooses to expose himself to

Mendelssohn, and Tchaikovsky. Having heard the second pro-

gramme I would certainly not accuse Mr Perlman of folly, for

he ended the concert as fresh

Fashions in interpretation change, yet one would like to believe that more than mere

swings of the pendulum are responsible for the present tendency to treat Beethoven's Symphony No 8 as less of a lightweight. It always did seem

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There is Mrs Clandon's speech about family life at the beginning. There is old Crampton's Scrooge-like speech about men of no means always wanting to get married. There was Warren Clarke as Bohun, QC,

standing the law on its head at the end of the play.

Personally I find this is what I like most about Shaw.
Indeed, it is what makes Shaw. Without it, You Never Can Tell apparently going to sweep is a silly play. The twins, Dolly and Philip, raised by their mother, the New Woman, Mrs Clandon (Judy Parist), are will have to wair and see. You

rude to the point of dementia. the coda to Op 111 as in its remorseless third variation, intensely strong or in the fugue which ends Op 110 and was taken at a cracking pace with-

out ever sounding messy, as so The only awkwardness in the recital was possibly the trio section of the same sonara's Scherzo, though there were a few triffing slips so uncharacteristic that one hardly trusted one's ears. At the most fiendishly taxing moment in that fugue Pollini was moved to sing, in a steniorian croak, as he played for dear life, sustaining as ever the scrupulous and trythm central to his readings.

without shades of vanity and self-indulgence, then that could hardly appropriate in its bra-vura and its musing freedom, and I doubt if he would, under normal circumstances, enter the Tchaikovsky concerto with quite the coy sensitiveness two such marathons. A formight ago Itzhak Perlman gave a concerto evening of Bach, Paganini finale of the Mendelsoln, too,

ago Itzhak Perlman gave a con-certo evening of Bach, Paganini and Beerhoven; on Sunday he was showy, even while it was turned his attention to Mozart, marvellously exciting. I would not want, however, to give the impression that the performances were all empty virtuosity. Often Mr Perlman succeeded in bringing dignity in into the Brahms as encore.

ity (especially in the finale) and may have arisen from the fact it lacks a slow movement

Certainly on Sunday Klaus Tennstedt launched the first movement fiercely, almost ve-hemently, although without any heaviness; the music can take it, of course. In the second vet tension was never far below the surface. The urbanity of the third movement, Tempo di Minuetto, was deceptive too, for an eccentric view of the work, the return to eighteenth-century considering its formal original proprieties is very partial.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

One reaches the Tate's special loon exhibition of 20 rarely work drawn from stock and endeavouring to put their Fish is seen pointings by Toaner through a small didactic show, about 20. It is noticeable through a small didactic show, about 20. It is noticeable through a small didactic show, about 20. It is noticeable through the chibition (free) were concerned from Darner is very great; yet comparison is instructive. For Mondrian's beginnings were as a pointer of landscape and some of the Durch pictures illustrated in neproduction as antecedents in the Bull Mondrian show can be seen to be Turner's easter cedents one. But where Mondrian's mature work with drawing structure out of landscape, Turner betrame increasingly preceding down form into Rybing structure out of landscape, and the seen to be Turner's entire cedents one. But where Mondrian's mature work with drawing structure out of landscape, Turner betrame increasingly preceding down form into Rybing structure out of landscape; square and timed for The fire toonsones.

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sent speed."

The Unpaid Bill, or the Dentist reproving his Son's Prodigality is a cluttered curiosity with echoes of curiosity with echoes of Hogarth. But Thomson's Aco-lian Harp, newly cleaned and exhibited for the first time since 1914-15, looks back to

Shaw, who could see so clearly through to the silliness at the heart of pompous institutions and hidebound ideas, attempted to create gay, free spirits but failed. Likewise the five-shilling dentist (Robert Powell), whom Shaw would have us see as born snaw would have us see as born with a light heart, seems merely rather wet. Warren Clarke's know-it-all QC almost makes the play but there is not enough of

It seemed a bad choice of play to open a new season with a much heralded new broom

never can tell. a lovely lambent, soft cantabile, as exquisitely, transparently coloured as a Cotman water-colour wash in the Finale of Op 109, to an earthshaking fortissimo. Special attention was given to Beethoven's rich chordal writing so that for example in the recapitulation of the first movement of Op 111 it sounded beautiful, and not a

Pollini's tempi included extremes of fast and slow but never seemed extravagant or eccentric, except once or twice in ritenuti. In short, this magmificent firebrand of a pianist was in quite untamed but wholly admirable form as he exercised his mind and body on readings.

a supremely challenging, inEqually typical was the deed Herculean, labour of
clarity of his tonal range, from musical love.

and as fleet as he had begun it. and purity to that emotional If his performances were not amplitude, which suggests that ithout shades of vanity and he could, if he wished, be a Rostropovich of the violin. On be excused, if not ignored. His such occasions, and there were cadenza in the Mozart G major many in the three slow move-concerto, for instance, was ments, he made his instrument speak in an almost vocal recita-tive, helped by the breadth of span which gives his phrasing such vivid personality.
With so much bappening in

the solo parts there was scarcely an opportunity to give full ear to the admirable support provided by Lawrence Foster and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The evening pro-

The London Symphony Orchestra's ensemble playing was finely honed throughout, as it must be for such an interpre tation, but there was some par-ticularly enjoyable horn and clarinet work in this movement. An interpretation of this sort, with tempos rather on the fast side, is perhaps needed also to bring home to one how con-centrated the finale is.

Mr Tennstedt made the open-

ing movements of Brahms's Symphony No 1 advantageously tense caso. Its traget expression

was almost perfectly contained

Claude, with symphs in a lim-pid landscape clearly recognizclaude, with hymphs in a limpid landscape clearly recognizable as the sweep of the
Thames at Richmond. Grand
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later View on the Avon of
1825, exhibited here for the
first time, are simple, derelict
landscapes bathed in golden
light to all of which Ruskin's
words quoted in the motes to
the Cumberland picture could
apply: "All the purest works
of this period are, I believe,
without exception, views, or
quiet single thoughts..." Here,
perhaps, Turner comes closest
to Mondrian. The small exhibition of Mondrian's paintings
supplements the three pictures
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Collins/Barrow Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell The programme of Brahms from Anne Collins and John Barrow on Sunday night was no ordinary Lieder recital. They sang the songs in new English translations by Leslie Minchin, who are he has shown in other who as he has shown in other xis, delieves that for many concert-goers a foreign langu-age is a barrier to full enjoy-

As only a small proportion of Brahms's soogs find their way into recital programmes, I arrived wondering if Mr Minchin was at long last about to chin was at long last about to unlock the key to the composer's heart. But Brahms's choice of verse was more autobiographical than discriminatory. Furthermore, as Dr Eric Sams has recently reminded us, in Brahms "we rarely hear the words for their own sake, as recitative; they are more a medium for melody. his songs are always ready to turn into instrumental music". Apart from the sentiment emerging a little too obviously, preoccupation with the English

preoccupation with the English text in the performances some-how militated against the breadth and nobility of Brahms's line.

In fairness to Mr Minchin it should be said that he has done the job professionally from viewpoint of rhyme, eccentuathose songs in their own tongue, while newcomers to music of all ages may find more in them to enjoy.

The baritone, John Barrow, sang this champled to the same t

sang this charmlessly and made enriching a performance of heavy weather of its comstyle. This broadcast can be panions in Op 32. But apart heard again on Saturday.

Paul Overy

from hitting his entries he seemed better cast in the graver "Vier ernste Gesänge". Anne Collins had the mellow contralto tone Brahms loved (although darkening sometimes called flattening) and she responded generously to mood. David Willison was the the con-

scientious pianist.
In yesterday's BBC lunchhour concert broadcast from St Johns, Schubert was set aside senting the second Viennese School which is the current

season's second subject.

All four of his string quartets are being included, and yesterday it was the turn of No 3 of 1927. When complimenting Rudolf Kolisch (leader of the quartet who gave the premiere) : on his analysis of its 12-tone construction, Schoenberg yet made it clear that he wanted everyone to forget the means and respond only to the aesthetic qualities of the music. Nevertheless much of the satisfaction of yesterday's perform-ance by the Darmington String Quarter came from their grasp of formal structure. While lavishing great care on expres-sive detail, they ensured that you always knew exactly where you were in the argument, and which were its high spots. In the first movement there was fine continuity in the transference of brief motifs from one instrument to another. The instrument to another. The second movement's sustained and fluttering themes (and their variations) were clearly tion and for the most part comfortable vowel sounds too.

Obviously humbler English singers will be more ready to risk
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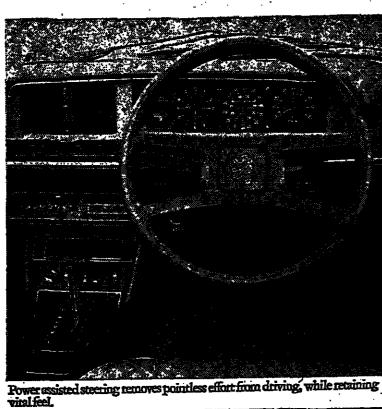
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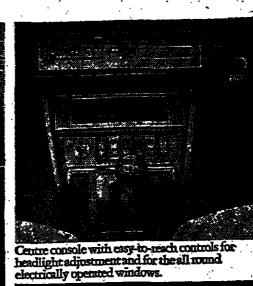
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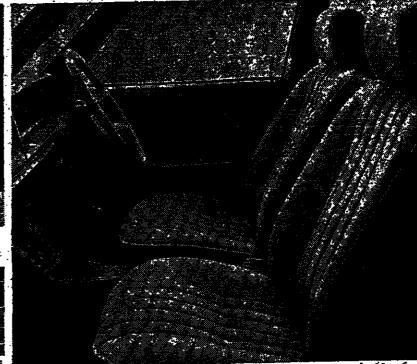
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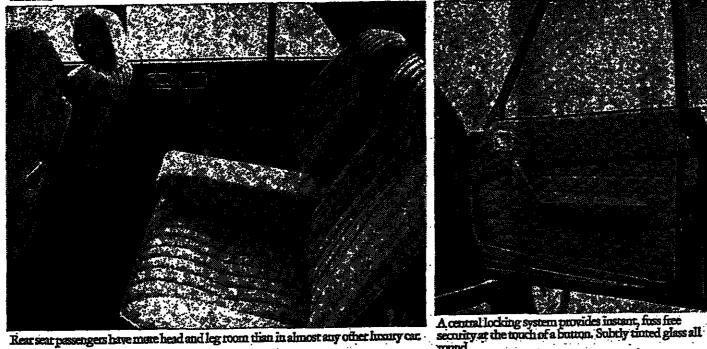
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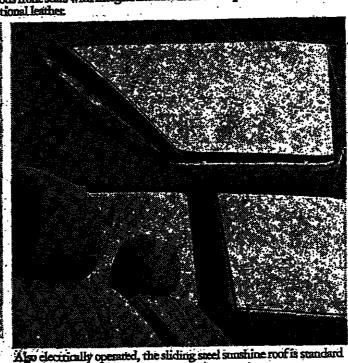


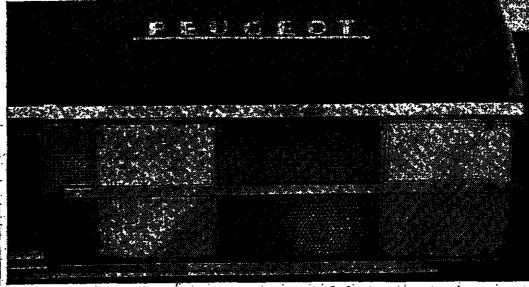


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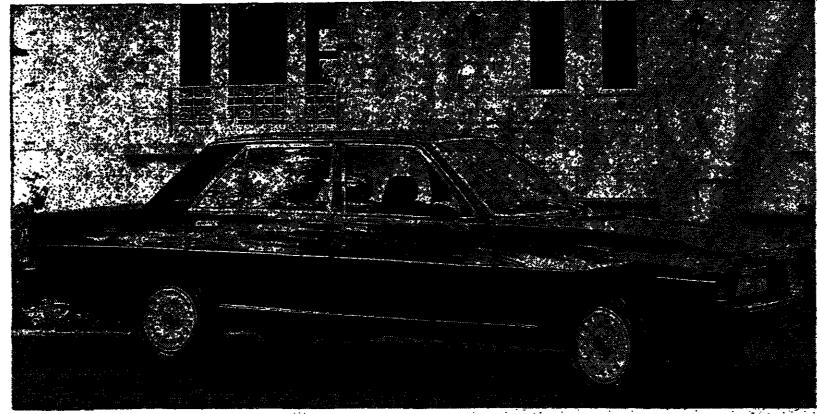








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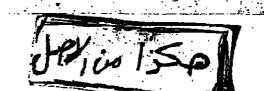
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